



## Ban on Cosmetic Testing on Animals – implementation

This measure formalises a ban on cosmetic testing on animals through a package of legislative and non-legislative initiatives. The measure represents the first step in a phased implementation from 1 July 2017.

### Why is this important?

During the 2016 election, the Government committed to introduce a ban on cosmetic testing on animals from 1 July 2017. This measure will harmonise Australian practice with international approaches on how animal test data is used, and will minimise any potential impact on industry by allowing time to move to new arrangements. The ban on cosmetic testing on animals includes the following initiatives.

- The Australian Government will work with states and territories to incorporate a testing ban through their respective legislation, triggered by changes to the National Health and Medical Research Council's Animal Ethics Code. It is expected that this will be completed by the end of 2018.
- The Australian Government will work with the cosmetics industry, in consultation with key animal welfare stakeholders, to develop a voluntary code of practice on the sale of cosmetic products after the introduction of the ban. This will include an information package for consumers and industry around promotional claims that can or cannot be made on cosmetic products in relation to the ban.
- Legislation to enable a national ban on the use of new animal test data to support the introduction of chemicals used exclusively as cosmetic ingredients will be introduced into Parliament as part of broader reforms to industrial chemicals regulation. Implementation of the ban will start 1 July 2018 to provide industry with a transition period and align with broader industrial chemical reforms.

### Who will benefit?

Australians can be confident that cosmetics made in Australia will not be tested on animals in Australia.

Consumers are not expected to be adversely impacted by any element of the ban. The product information and communications package will provide consumers with better awareness of claims made on products, and educate and inform industry and other stakeholders.

The ban on animal test data is expected to have minimal impact on business and trade and will be introduced as part of the broader industrial chemicals reforms.

### How much will this cost?

This measure will cost \$2.1 million from 2017–18 to 2018–19 to be funded from existing health resources.