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Australian Industrial Chemicals Reform

Federal Assistant Minister for Health, Dr David Gillespie, today introduced a package of six Bills reforming industrial chemicals regulation in Australia.

The Bills deliver on the Coalition Government's commitment to introduce reforms to reduce regulatory burden.

"The legislation will implement a new scheme which better reflects the level of risk to human health and safety and the environment," Minister Gillespie said.

"The new scheme will continue to protect the Australian community — both workers and the general public— and the environment from any harmful effects of industrial chemicals.

"This Bill delivers on the Coalition Governments promise to build a strong new economy by incentivising innovation, supporting Australian exporters and protecting our environment."

The new Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme (AICIS) will replace the National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme (NICNAS).

"The package also delivers on an important election commitment and an issue that is important to many Australians – banning cosmetic testing on animals from 1 July 2018," Minister Gillespie said.

"The Coalition Government has received strong public support to introduce a ban on cosmetic testing on animals and we have listened and acted.

"The ban delivered through this Bill will bring Australia into line with the European Union and other countries introducing a ban on cosmetic testing on animals."

To ensure the ban does not adversely impact industry, a transition period is required to allow for adequate time to adjust and understand the new obligations. This transition period will align with the further consultation on the AICIS that will be undertaken prior to the legislation coming into effect on 1 July 2018.

More information about the reforms can be found at www.nicnas.gov.au

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