



In Europe the cosmetics regulation, (CE regulation 1223/2009) requires manufacturers to use obligatory alternative methods to animal experiment available to test new cosmetics raw materials and finished products.

- since September 11<sup>th</sup> 2004, animal testing on finished products is prohibited in Europe,
- since March 2009, animal testing of cosmetics ingredients alone or in combination is prohibited, except for certain tests where alternative methods are being evaluated,
- since March 11<sup>th</sup>, 2013, animal testing of cosmetics ingredients alone or in combination is rigorously prohibited.

We aim to be pioneers in the process and we terminated all animal testing several years ago, to evaluate the safety of our cosmetics during their development. We have implemented an alternative program:

- development of alternative tests on cell cultures in our skin culture laboratory, created more than twenty years ago.
- implementation of methods available on the market and active participation in validation programs of French and European government agencies.

In addition, we financially participate in European research programs on the development of alternative methods to animal experiment. These are conducted jointly by the European Commission and the cosmetics industry, through Cosmetics Europe, the European organization of cosmetics professionals to which we belong.

Please do not hesitate to contact us, our Dermo-Cosmetic Information service remains at your disposal for any further information you may require.

Yours faithfully,

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