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Information Letter: 1237

Subject: Publication of the EU Commission Roadmap towards phasing out animal testing for chemical safety assessments

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Dear Colleagues,

On 1 June 2026, the European Commission published its long-awaited Roadmap towards phasing out animal testing for chemical safety assessments. It provides a plan on how to reach the long-term policy goal of phasing out animal testing and consists of two documents, a Communication (C(2026)3497) and a 253-page accompanying staff working document (SWD(2026)144). Links to the documents are provided further below.

The roadmap spans 15 legislative domains relevant to chemical safety assessment and is built around concrete, endpoint-by-endpoint recommendations. It sets out over 30 recommendations for human health and environmental safety assessments. For human health, examples include acute toxicity, genotoxicity, carcinogenicity, repeated-dose toxicity, developmental neurotoxicity, reproductive toxicity, and endocrine disruption; for the environmental safety, examples include acute aquatic toxicity, chronic fish toxicity, bioaccumulation, endocrine disruption and longer-term non-animal environmental NGRA across taxa.

The recommendations are sorted into “short-, medium- and long-term” horizons rather than dates.

At IFRA we have been engaged in the development of the roadmap, in close collaboration with competent authorities, industry partners and relevant stakeholders.

We will now contribute to its implementation through active participation and collaboration at various levels, including via the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) Collaborative Platform on Alternatives to Animal Testing (CP-AAT) and cross-sectoral work within the European Partnership for Alternative Approaches to Animal Testing (EPAA).

We are supported in our activities by a dedicated IFRA working group, composed of representatives of member companies with expertise in the field.



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We will keep the membership informed of relevant developments regarding the EU roadmap, which will likely have impact beyond Europe on global regulatory frameworks.

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Best regards,

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Relevant links:



[Commission Communication on the Roadmap to phase out AT.pdf](#)



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