

## Feature Story

### Second Phase of EU Cosmetics Test Ban Now in Effect

On March 11, 2009, the European Union's ban on using animals for the testing of cosmetics ingredients came into effect. Under the 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Cosmetics Directive, marketing of products whose ingredients have been tested are also banned. Finished product testing and the sale of finished products that have been tested on animals have been banned since 2004 under the Directive's amendment. This most recent deadline exempts tests for repeated-dose toxicity, reproductive toxicity and toxicokinetics. These tests will be banned in the final phase of the amendment, which will be in March 2013. The EU ban does not cover household products.

### 7<sup>th</sup> World Congress Abstract Deadline Reminder

The deadline for abstract submissions to the 7<sup>th</sup> World Congress on Alternatives & Animal Use in the Life Sciences is **April 10**. This meeting will take place in Rome, Italy, August 30-September 3, 2009. The meeting website for the agenda and registration is: <http://www.aimgroup.eu/2009/WC7>.

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## New on AltTox

## Forum Postings

Some of the recent posts on the AltTox forums include the following:

### Toxicity Endpoints & Tests forum

- [New rules on nanomaterials in cosmetics in Europe - is in vitro testing O.K.?](#)
- [OECD posts draft in vitro skin irritation test guideline for public comment](#)
- [Route-to-route extrapolation in lieu of duplicative testing via multiple routes?](#)
- ["LAB ON A CHIP" QUICKLY DETECTS POLLUTION WITHOUT ANIMAL TESTING](#)

### Emerging Technologies forum

- [Registration open for ToxCast Data Analysis Summit](#)
- [TOXICITY PATHWAY-BASED RISK ASSESSMENT - Symposium Announcement](#)
- [National Research Council standing committee on the "Use of Emerging Science..."](#)

### Programs & Policies forum

- [NICEATM/ICCVAM Announcement on Ocular Testing Methods](#)
- [NEW U.S. EPA's Strategic Plan for Evaluating the Toxicity of Chemicals](#)
- [New cell-based & computational studies to define toxicity pathways for ToxCast](#)
- [NC3Rs' latest newsletter](#)
- [Sens-it-iv Summer Course in in vitro methods announced](#)
- [the March 11 deadline in the EU for phasing out animal tests for cosmetics](#)
- [Special SOT Session on NRC's Vision for Toxicity Testing in the 21st Century](#)
- [HSUS's 2009 Russell & Burch Award](#)

### Overarching Challenges & Opportunities forum

- ['Beyond animal research' essay competitio](#)
- [New Series of Opinion Articles on NRC's Vision for Toxicity Testing in the 21st](#)
- [\\$1.5 billion in new NIH grants - application deadline April 27](#)

Be sure to visit the forums, respond to previous postings, or start a new

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## New and Updated Information

The AltTox.org Management Team and Editorial Board strive to give readers the most up-to-date summary information related to non-animal methods of toxicity testing. Check out our latest material:

### In the Spotlight

- [7<sup>th</sup> World Congress - Animal Alternative's Premier 2009 Event](#)

### Toxicity Testing Resource Center

- Informational Resources
  - [Meetings & Events](#)
  - [Organizations & Events](#)
  - [Journals](#)
  - [Education/Training](#)
  - [In Vitro Testing & Other Services](#)
  - [3Rs Awards](#)

## Upcoming Events

Here are some of the many upcoming events listed on AltTox that may be of interest to our readership:

- v-Tissues 2009: The First International Workshop on Virtual Tissues, April 21-22, 2009, Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, US
- In-Cosmetics Cosmetics Science Conference, April 22-23, 2009, Munich, Germany
- Society for Biomolecular Sciences 15th Annual Conference & Exhibition, April 26-30, 2009, Lille, France
- Simcyp In Vitro-In Vivo Extrapolation Workshop, April 27-May 1, 2009, Washington, DC, US

[More Events >>](#)

## User Participation

We welcome your participation in the AltTox forums, as well as your comments and suggestions, which can be submitted by using the online

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