

# UK Law: Replacing the animal testing of Household Products

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Many people are concerned that in the UK it is still perfectly legal to use animals in household product tests. The Humane Household Product Standard guarantees that no finished products or their individual chemicals have been tested on animals by that company or its suppliers. Other schemes exist, but it is the only internationally accepted standard that requires companies to provide proof. This proof includes adhering to a fixed cut of date and providing evidence that neither they nor their suppliers test after this date. Only then are they endorsed by the HHPS.

In 1997 the UK Government introduced a policy prohibition on testing cosmetic products on animals. A comparison can be made with the animal testing of Household products because much of the criterion that warranted a cosmetics testing ban can be applied to Household products. Early Day Motion 1215 requests the British Government to implement a similar ban for household products.

To ask to your MP to sign EDM 1215 go to <http://www.writetothem.com/>

Further information on the HHPS from <http://www.gocrueltyfree.org/>

Many non-animal research techniques exist that are cheaper, quicker and more effective than Animal Testing. A few are molecular research, computer simulations, tissue and organ culture and the use of micro-organisms such as bacteria. The "Take Action" petition started by the RSPCA calls on the British government to prove their intention to replace animal experiments with modern non-animal alternatives.

You can sign this petition at <http://www.rspca.org.uk>  
(Select campaigns then Animals in Research)

Thank You

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