

# FABLES & FACTS ABOUT BILL 6602/13

## BRAZIL'S COSMETICS ANIMAL TESTING 'BAN' BILL: TRUTH, LIES AND LOOPHOLES

Bill 6602/13 was recently passed in the Chamber of Deputies with the intention of leading to a national ban in Brazil on animal testing for cosmetic products and ingredients. Humane Society International's *Be Cruelty-Free* Brazil campaign has worked hard for two years to achieve a Brazil test ban, but when it comes to protecting animals, we won't accept second best.

As currently worded, **Bill 6602/13 does not deliver a complete cosmetics animal test ban.** This fact-sheet aims to dispel some misconception about the bill and inform about the loopholes that could allow animal testing to continue in Brazil, as well as allow cosmetics tested on animals abroad to continue to be sold in Brazil. **Our *Be Cruelty-Free* campaign is asking Senators to amend Bill 6602/13 in order to obtain a real ban on cosmetic tests on animals.**

### Fables

**1** The Bill prohibits all tests on animals in the cosmetic sector, except for "novel" or new ingredients.

**2** The Bill bans tests on animals for "new" ingredients after 5 years.

**3** It's impossible to ban cosmetic animal tests for new ingredients because there are not yet alternatives available for all the tests. A complete ban would mean authorizing unsafe products on the market.

**4** Perhaps the bill is not perfect but it will ban at least 80% of animal testing. Anyway, it is the first step to a full ban.

### Facts

**No, it doesn't.** The bill prohibits tests on animals for finished products and ingredients, except for "ingredients with unknown effects". Since all tests on animals undertaken by cosmetics companies aim at discovering previously unknown effects, this is, in reality, a major loophole that could allow new animal testing to take place on new as well as existing ingredients already on the market.

**No, it doesn't.** Unlike in the EU and India, the Brazilian bill makes the replacement of animal tests for "ingredients with unknown effects" dependent on the availability of alternatives. Even where an alternative test is available, the animal test will only be replaced 5 years after that test has been approved by Brazilian authorities.

**This is not the case.** The EU and India have complete bans on cosmetics animal tests without sacrificing consumer safety. Over 500 companies worldwide currently produce safe, innovative beauty products without animal testing. Animal tests have inherent, well-known scientific weaknesses. There is a compelling consumer safety benefit in moving away from animal testing.

**No it won't.** It will fail to ban most of the likely cosmetic tests on animals; and from preventing cosmetics tested on animals abroad being imported or sold in Brazil. **A fake ban is not a first step but a barrier to a full ban.**

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Please help us by sharing this fact-sheet and write to your senators that Bill 6602/13 MUST be improved.

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