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*Dear Court Arvent*

Thank you for your card about animal testing and cosmetics.

I would like to reassure you that there has been no change in legislation and that the ban on using animals for the testing of finished cosmetic products remains in force.

Under UK regulations to protect the environment and the safety of workers, animal testing can be permitted, where required by UK regulators, on single or multiuse ingredients. However, such testing can only be conducted where there are no non-animal alternatives.

I understand that the Home Office has said that it will clarify its position with the formal publication of an updated policy and regulatory guidance on the regulation of animal testing. This is very welcome and will ensure the UK's approach to animal testing is transparent.

I will continue to monitor this area very closely.

Once again, thank you for taking the time to contact me and if I can ever be any further assistance to you then please do not hesitate to contact me again.

*Yours Sincerely  
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