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Animal Testing

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To whom it may concern,

As a manufacturer of aroma ingredients that are used as cosmetic ingredients, we have to comply with chemical laws and international regulations. The main objective of these regulations is the safety of the products for humans and the environment. Therefore, a number of toxicological and ecotoxicological tests is required and has to be submitted for notification and approval of the products.

Isobionics's commitment is to eliminate all unnecessary animal testing and to support the development of alternative test methods that involve *in vitro* testing or that require a minimum possible number of animals whenever possible and accepted by authorities.

However, validated and officially accepted alternative methods for replacing animal tests are for most (eco-)toxicological endpoints neither available nor expected in the near future. Therefore, we will be obliged to perform legally required animal tests to protect human health and the environment.

Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009 on cosmetic products contains a prohibition to test cosmetic ingredients on animals, and a prohibition to market in the European Union ingredients included in cosmetic products which were tested on animals for cosmetics purposes.

Thus we confirm, that animal testing is only done if legally required but not for cosmetics purposes as laid down in Regulation (EC) No 1223/2009, as amended, on cosmetic products.