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让美丽远离动物残忍 Be Cruelty-Free



Mr. Zhang Yong
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Dear Mr. Zhang:

It is with great enthusiasm that we welcome the CFDA's modernisation of China's cosmetics regulation to waive mandatory animal testing for non-specialist, domestically produced cosmetics. This means that for the first time Chinese cosmetics companies may choose to replace animal testing with advanced, internationally approved *in vitro* and other non-animal test methods.

As supporters or members of the *Be Cruelty-Free China* campaign, we commend the CFDA for facilitating the first step in what we hope to be a technology transition for China's cosmetics industry. We hope this marks the start of a new era for China whereby companies may develop innovate, safe beauty products without testing on live animals.

There are tremendous research, cost, time and consumer safety benefits to manufacturing without animal testing, not to mention the obvious animal welfare advantages. We are glad that the world can see how China is embracing the global trend towards testing cosmetics without animals. We recognise too that the CFDA's decision will enable Chinese cosmetics companies to sell their new cosmetics within the European Union which prohibits the marketing of newly animal-tested cosmetics.

While we celebrate China's regulatory change, we also hope very much that China will go further and next apply the removal of mandatory animal testing to foreign-imported cosmetics too, as well as replace post-market animal testing with *in vitro*-based safety tests. In doing so, China would establish itself as a major cruelty-free cosmetics producer and market, with cruelty-free brands from around the world bringing their beauty products to Chinese consumers, and Chinese cruelty-free products expanding to international markets. It would also see China well placed to take a leading role in the manufacture and development of high-tech non-animal research tools.

The *Be Cruelty-Free China* campaign is grateful that the CFDA has been swift to implement this first-step change, so we look forward to seeing further leadership that will create a brand new cruelty-free cosmetics future for China.

Yours sincerely,

