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Press statement: Advert in *Parliament Magazine* draws attention to ECHA failures

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In an [advert](#) published today in [Parliament Magazine](#), the PETA International Science Consortium Ltd. (PISC) reveals the death toll REACH has taken on animals and the European Ombudsman ruling that ECHA can—and should—do more to reduce this suffering. The advert calls on MEPs to act immediately to ensure that ECHA takes appropriate steps to fulfil its mandate to minimise these animal experiments.

The [Ombudsman recently ruled](#) on PISC member PETA UK's 2012 complaint and determined that ECHA has failed to live up to its mandate and use all tools at its disposal to ensure that registrants minimise animal experiments for REACH.

The Ombudsman states in her [decision](#) that “*ECHA's interpretation of its obligations was excessively restrictive*”. She further expressed in her proposed [friendly solution](#) that the agency's refusal to ensure that dossiers comply with the principle of using animals only as a last resort is akin “*to informally amending a piece of EU legislation without any involvement whatsoever of the legislator*”.

The Ombudsman has issued clear direction for ECHA to request information from registrants to demonstrate compliance when required and instructs ECHA to inform Member States of all possible instances of non-compliance.

Click [here](#) to see the advert. Copies of PETA UK's complaint and related correspondence are available upon request. For more information, please visit <http://www.piscld.org.uk/ombudsman/>.

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