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Press Statement: ECHA Board of Appeal agrees with the PETA International Science Consortium Ltd. in ruling that may save 1,300 animals

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In [another blow](#) to the manner in which the European Chemicals Agency (ECHA) has failed to enforce the requirement that testing on animals shall be undertaken only as a last resort, the Agency's Board of Appeal today [annulled a decision](#) by ECHA that required CINIC CHEMICALS EUROPE, Sàrl to conduct an extended one generation reproductive toxicity study (EOGRTS). ECHA has refused to consider new information and updates to the registrant's dossier after a self-imposed deadline.

The PETA International Science Consortium Ltd., intervened in this case and called for changes to ECHA's strict administrative processes to ensure that all data are assessed prior to requiring the animal test. In this precedent-setting case, the Board's decision requires the Agency to reopen the case, which should result in sparing approximately 1300 animals from being fed the substance during pregnancy or as newborns before being killed and dissected. It could also prevent tens of thousands of other animals from being used in similarly avoidable tests.

By requiring ECHA to assess new information, the Board has ensured that all relevant data will be considered prior to requiring the test. This critical change to ECHA's restrictive administrative processes will help ensure that registrants test on animals only as a last resort, as required by law.

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