What are the rules on using new animal test data?

There are rules on how you can use new information obtained from animal testing to meet your requirements under AICIS.
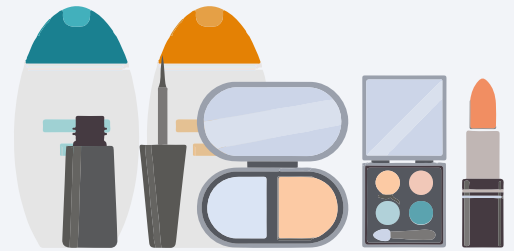
New animal test data are any data obtained from tests conducted on a cephalopod or any live vertebrate animal (other than a human being) on or after 1 July 2020.

Chemicals used only in cosmetics

You cannot use new animal test data to categorise chemicals used only in cosmetics or to support an application (for example, an assessment certificate).

💡 Exceptions apply in very limited circumstances.

Chemicals with multiple end uses – including cosmetics

You cannot use new animal test data to categorise chemicals with multiple end uses (including cosmetics) or to support an application (for example, an assessment certificate).

💡 Exceptions apply in very limited circumstances or if you have received our pre-approval to use the data.

Chemicals not used in cosmetics

We encourage you to use non-animal test data to categorise chemicals **not** used in cosmetics or to support an application (for example, an assessment certificate).
There are multiple alternatives to animal tests, including:
- computer-based modelling
- in vitro tests using isolated tissues, organs or cells
- read-across information from chemicals predicted to have similar health and environmental effects

💡 You may be able to use new animal test data to fufill information requirements for categorisation or applications – but this should be **only as a last resort**.

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Learn more about when you can and can't use new animal test data – and when you need pre-approval:
https://bit.ly/3zfWzLC