

•
•
•
•
•
•

Micro Laboratory Analysis Netherlands
Mr. van Coothstraat 60 Postbus 644
5141 ET Waalwijk 5140 AP Waalwijk

microLAN

News / Nieuws

No. 0703006

Waalwijk, 14 juni 2003

Brussels demands toxicity checks on everyday products

The Times van 10-07-2003

New regulations on the safety of chemicals, proposed by the European Commission, will require producers to conduct rigorous tests on at least 30.000 substances (The Times, 10-07-2003). Every day products like salt (sodium chloride), vinegar (acetic acid), bicarbonate of soda, methylated spirits and perhaps even alcohol would have to be registered and licensed in similar fashion to pesticides and weedkillers.

Animal welfare groups are concerned, as anything between 1.6 million and 12 million fresh experiments on laboratory animals will be required, many of which will merely duplicate existing data.

Under the new system companies will have from 3 to 12 years to submit detailed information about older substances and again license. When more than 1.000 tonnes of the chemical in question is produced, it must be registered within 3 years, and companies must submit a full range of toxicological and environmental data. This will include animal experiments to assess likely effects on a range of health indicators, including hormones and the reproductive system.

News from: The Times: <http://www.timesonline.co.uk> archive: 10-07-2003

Meer informatie over het hier beschreven artikel of onderwerp(en) kunt u per fax, telefoon of e-mail opvragen bij microLAN.

More information about this article or other relevant subjects can be supplied by microLAN, please contact us by fax, telephone or e-mail .

.....
microLAN

Micro Laboratory Analysis Netherlands

Tel.: +31.416.540775 / Fax:+31.416.540776

info@microlan.nl / www.microlan.nl

KvK no.: 18061484 / Rabo bank: 3342.30.365 / BTW no.: NL8097.61.622.B01