

Discussion Items -2023

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NC3Rs/Unilever Workshop “Opportunities for the UK to develop world-leading chemicals regulation” - Summary - Presentation by Natalie Burden (NC3Rs)

2.19 A summary of the recent workshop held jointly by the NC3Rs and Unilever was presented. The workshop discussed opportunities the UK may have, due to EU-exit, to develop world-leading chemicals regulation that could help reduce the reliance on animal testing. The aim of the workshop was to establish a consensus 5-year vision from the UK science base for a future UK chemicals policy, and attendees included representatives of industry, government, contract research organisations, trade associations and academia.

2.20 A draft 5-year vision had been prepared by the NC3Rs in conjunction with a steering group which formed the basis of the workshop discussions. This presented and discussed during the workshop. It was very useful for com to have an opportunity to have an early overview of the workshop discussions. It was suggested that the draft policy document should also be seen by COM at future meetings. This will allow UK to influence and bring onboard scientifically justified change sot regulation.