

## **CORPORATE POLICIES**

## **ALTERNATIVES TO ANIMAL TESTING POLICY**

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## **Purpose and Scope**

#### **Purpose**

At Reckitt, our purpose is to protect, heal and nurture in the relentless pursuit of a cleaner, healthier world. As part of our Compass, we put consumers and people first; the lives and needs of those whom we serve are at the heart of our business.

At Reckitt, we seek out new opportunities, we work smarter and leaner. We fearlessly innovate. We create our own opportunities. We learn.

An area we consistently invest in is Consumer Safety. We recognise that compliance with regulatory requirements is key in protecting our consumers and underpins the integrity of our brands, business practices and operations.

At Reckitt, we believe in the existence of alternative and equally effective methods to upholding our consumers' safety; we consider such methods to be preferable to animal testing. We are committed to eliminating animal testing of our products as far as possible, applying the principles of '3Rs' (Reduce, Refine & Replace) and using non-animal and alternative methods to ensure the safety of Reckitt products wherever feasible.

### Scope

This Policy applies to the testing of ingredients and/or of Reckitt's products to validate their safety and efficacy.

It applies to Reckitt's employees, contractors, agents, consultants, outsourced personnel, and other third-party representatives working on our behalf. All persons to whom this Policy applies have a duty to follow the standards set out in this Policy, unless otherwise mandated under local laws and regulations.

This Policy contains Reckitt's global standards. In some countries, more stringent laws and regulations may apply; where this is the case, the more stringent standard will supersede the corresponding global-level prescriptions set out in this Policy.



## **Policy Statement**

## **Policy**

At Reckitt, we are ethically and legally obliged to ensure the safety and efficacy of our innovative products which deliver health benefits.

We are committed to applying alternative testing methods or existing data to demonstrate the safety of our products to replace all animal testing. It is our Policy not to conduct or commission tests, unless scientifically justified or required by government or scientific agencies. This same Policy is applied to our suppliers and third parties.

In pursuit of our vision, we adopt integrated testing strategies and consider a multitude of inputs and data sources to evaluate the safety of our products. Our integrated testing strategy considers all available sources of data (i.e., the biological, structural, and chemical properties of an ingredient or product) to drive a robust safety assessment. Our integrated testing strategy may include information from the following sources: chemical analysis, computer modelling, cell-based studies, read across data and a review of existing scientific and clinical data.

We are actively engaged with industry associations, the scientific community and government bodies to fund alternatives to animal testing and apply the industry's '3Rs' best practice (Reduce, Refine & Replace) towards our ingredients and product testing approaches. Through these collaborations we drive the development and use of alternative methodologies and promote the regulatory acceptance of alternatives to animal testing.

Animal studies are on occasion mandated by law for the safety assessment of novel ingredients and products to protect the safety of humans. The health and safety of our consumers and the environment is an absolute priority for Reckitt. If animal testing is mandated and if no scientifically validated alternative test is available, we seek to minimise the number of animals used and ensure we only use accredited and certified facilities that fully comply with animal welfare guidelines.

To ensure the governance of this Policy, any animal testing that is performed by or for the benefit of Reckitt must first be approved by an internal Ethical Review Committee.

Please contact: SafetyInformationTeam@rb.com should you have any questions regarding the implementation of this policy.

## **Monitoring and Reporting**

All Reckitt employees are trained on Reckitt's Product Safety standards as part of their annual Compliance training. All employees are responsible for applying this Policy throughout their Supply Chain and ensuring that suppliers, contractors, and subcontractors are aware of this Policy.

R&D will be responsible for monitoring training compliance through their training academy.

Reckitt's Executive Committee has overall accountability for monitoring compliance with this Policy and responsibility will be delegated to the Reckitt Risk Sustainability and Compliance Committee (RSCC) committee who will receive annual reports on this policy.



## **Discipline for Non-Compliance**

At Reckitt, we are committed to complying with all laws and regulations which govern our operations, globally. This Policy explains our individual responsibility to comply with appropriate laws around the world. The penalties for violating these laws can be severe, both for the Company and for the individuals involved. In some cases, we may have a legal or other obligation, or may otherwise determine that we should report violations to the appropriate enforcement authorities.

We may take disciplinary action against our employees and contractors, up to and including termination or cancellation of contract, as applicable, for failure to comply with this Policy.

It is therefore extremely important that you familiarise yourself with this Policy and strictly adhere to it. If you suspect or identify an instance of wrongdoing, it's your duty to report it via the Speak Up channel.

## **Contact Information**

#### **Advice and Questions for Staff**

If you ever have doubt about the right course of action, or if you have questions about this Policy or compliance, please contact a senior member of the Global Safety Assurance Team.



# **Revision & Approval History**

#### **Revisions**

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