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Global Policy Statement on Animal Testing

Reckitt Benckiser will not use animal testing on any of our products, or on any raw materials, unless indicated by national or international regulatory authorities Reckitt Benckiser will actively support the development, validation, use and acceptance of alternative methods that reduce, refine or replace the use of animals in safety evaluation.

It will be the Policy of Reckitt Benckiser to:

1. Conduct animal testing only where indicated by legislative or regulatory requirements, where no approved or accepted alternative testing procedure exists, or where no established information exists upon which an adequate determination of hazard can be made.
2. Minimise the use of animals in required safety testing to the greatest extent possible while ensuring that a valid study is conducted.
3. Conduct all required animal testing only in expert, qualified contract testing facilities in a humane and responsible manner, complying with the best-accepted standards and all applicable regulatory requirements for animal welfare.
4. Continually evaluate and appropriately use alternative techniques for hazard evaluation which reduce or eliminate the use of animals, and actively support research in this area.
5. Advocate regulatory acceptance of validated alternative hazard evaluation methods which reduce, refine or replace the use of animal models both directly and through trade associations, professional societies and consumer groups.
6. Utilize applicable existing and scientifically valid data when conducting hazard evaluations and risk assessments.

RESPONSIBILITIES:

The Global Director, Regulatory, Safety & Environmental Services is accountable for the formulation, publication and monitoring of this Policy.

Product Safety personnel within the Regulatory, Safety & Environmental Services group are responsible for the performance of safety evaluations and risk assessments. It is the individual responsibility of all Reckitt Benckiser employees to act in accordance with the provisions of this Policy.

COMPLIANCE

The Global Director, Regulatory, Safety & Environmental Services will be responsible for ensuring that any indicated animal testing conducted in support of safety evaluations and risk assessments on Reckitt Benckiser products complies with the provisions of this Policy.