

Essity Position on Animal Testing

Essity has a restrictive view on the use of animal testing and is committed to reducing animal testing to the very minimum. Essity does not test its products or materials on animals unless required by law, which for Essity Hygiene is relevant in Brazil and China and for the medical business as required by the globally harmonized standard ISO 10993. Essity actively supports development of alternative testing methods.

Essity's hygiene products include incontinence, baby and feminine care products, consumer and professional tissue products as well as cosmetics products such as wet wipes, shampoos, soap and skincare products. Before being released onto the market, the compositions and safety of all materials and ingredients are thoroughly reviewed, taking into account any potential harmful effects to consumers, employees and the environment.

Essity advocates to prevent redundant animal testing regulations. We are committed to reducing animal testing to the very minimum and are an industry partner of EPAA¹. When alternative non-animal test methods are available, have been validated and accepted by regulatory authorities, these must be used.

¹ The European Partnership for Alternative Approaches to Animal testing (EPAA) is an unprecedented voluntary collaboration between the European Commission, European trade associations, and companies from seven industry sectors. The partners are committed to pooling knowledge and resources to accelerate the development, validation and acceptance of alternative approaches to further the replacement, reduction and refinement (The OECD principles, the "3Rs") of animal use in regulatory testing.