

Essity Position on Animal Testing

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

Essity's products include incontinence, baby and feminine care products, consumer and professional tissue products as well as wet wipes, shampoos, soap and skincare products. Our medical solutions include products for compression therapy, wound care and orthopedics. 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, patients, users, employees and the environment.

Essity advocates and is committed to reducing animal testing to a minimum and we are proud to be an industry partner of the European Partnership for Alternative Approaches to Animal Testing (EPAA).¹ 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 a collaboration between the European Commission, European trade associations and companies from different industry sectors. The overall aim of the collaboration is to further the replacement, reduction and refinement of animal use in regulatory testing. As a partner Essity is committed to share knowledge and resources to accelerate the development, validation and acceptance of alternative approaches to animal testing.