

Animal Testing Policy

Elementis seeks to avoid any animal testing whenever possible. This is consistent with government regulations as well as supporting the goal of minimizing or eliminating animal testing, while taking the necessary actions to evaluate and determine the safety characteristics of our products.

As a guiding principle and a first choice, in the event testing is necessary to assure product safety or regulatory compliance, Elementis would use validated, in vitro (test tube) tests and computer simulations based on structure activity analysis. However, in some rare instances we are required by government regulations (EU REACH for example) to perform animal testing to evaluate hazards to workers. The alternative animal testing methods are validated by International Authoritative Agencies, such as the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and others.

Elementis itself does not perform any animal tests. In circumstances where toxicological testing is required, the studies are performed by certified toxicology laboratories using humane procedures, performed under Good Laboratory Practices (GLP), and under protocols and guidelines recommended by appropriate animal welfare agencies or organizations. We always seek to minimize the numbers of laboratory animals to determine safe use of our products.

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