



## POLICY STATEMENT ON ANIMAL TESTING

McBride is committed to ensuring the safety and performance of the products we manufacture, and to fulfilling legal requirements on classification, packaging and labelling. At the same time, we are committed to acting ethically with respect to the use of animals in product testing. To this end, the company operates in accordance with the following principles:

1. Products manufactured by McBride are not tested on animals, either by the company or on its behalf by third parties. New products are assessed for safety by toxicologists using all data available on the raw materials and other information on product use available internally or from the published literature.
2. McBride does not request its suppliers to test their raw materials on animals. Where customers have established their own cut-off dates for testing, only materials which comply with the cut-off date are used in their products. Checks are made annually with each supplier on the last date of animal testing for every raw material to ensure continued compliance with the cut-off dates.
3. Wherever possible, we use ingredients in our products which have a long history of safe use and which either have never been tested on animals, or not for many years. However, whilst we are aware that on rare occasions testing is undertaken by suppliers or other agencies, such testing is outside the control of this company, e.g.

New ingredients which have to be tested to comply with Notification of New Substances Regulations. Occasionally such new ingredients are used to meet changing market expectations and customer requirements.

Existing substances are increasingly coming under scrutiny by government organisations and green groups. Additional testing is mandated to fill data gaps and to allow completion of full hazard identification and risk assessments. We expect this situation to increase in future and will affect all suppliers as REACH takes effect

When manufacturing for contract customers, choice of raw materials is outside the control of McBride staff but we will advise on avoidance of recently tested ingredients.

4. When new ingredients are used, or potential problems identified with existing raw materials, McBride will use all test data generated from all possible sources to ensure the safety of its employees and consumers.

This policy is intended to ensure that our products are safe without the need for animal testing.

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