

Policy on animal testing



Corbion

At Corbion, we exist to champion preservation in all its forms, preserving food and food production, health, and our planet. Our aim is not to maintain the status quo, but rather to find new and better ways of operating in a changing environment – to empower one another, and the world, to do more with less. Assuring the performance, quality, and safety of our products is vital to our purpose and our mission. National authorities require new food products and other ingredients to be safe for human consumption and use, and in certain cases animal testing is necessary to comply with national regulations.

“As an ingredient producer, Corbion is not directly involved in animal testing (including sensory testing on animals).” If animal testing would be required for regulatory approval, Corbion would outsource these tests to another party and request this party to follow the Three Rs (3Rs) framework. The 3Rs is an ethical framework for animal testing and stands for replace, reduce, and refine. The first step is to search for alternatives to replace animal testing. If animal testing cannot be avoided, the number of animals involved in testing will be reduced as much as possible, and testing processes are refined to improve animal welfare.

Accordingly, Corbion only outsources animal testing where absolutely necessary as part of the regulatory process to commercialize a product. Next to this, Corbion adheres to European Union cosmetics REGULATION (EC) No 1223/2009 and Corbion will never outsource animal testing for cosmetic purposes. The principles in this statement apply to all research outsourced to third parties. We are deeply committed to upholding high ethical standards and minimizing the need for animal testing.