



Animal Testing Policy



Context

In 1983, we were among the first Spanish companies in our sector to start eliminating animal testing and have been investing in in vitro methods for product safety since then.

We strongly believe there are effective alternatives methods to animal testing that will guarantee the same level of product safety. Therefore, at Puig, we join efforts through trade associations such as Cosmetics Europe, to advocate for alternatives, and to encourage the end of animal testing for all categories of cosmetic products.

Purpose

Puig's Animal Testing Policy confirm company full compliance with EU animal testing ban and expresses Puig's commitment to eradicate animal testing on cosmetics worldwide by supporting sectorial and government initiatives to advocate for animal testing ban worldwide.

Scope

This Policy applies to all companies that make up Puig, which is understood to be Puig Brands S.A. and its subsidiaries and any other entities that may be incorporated in the future in which Puig Brands, S.A. holds or may hold direct or indirect control.



Own Operations

At Puig, all methods are performed under GLP¹:

- For the phototoxicity assessment, of our fragrances and actives, we use in vitro 3T3 NRU Phototoxicity Test, described in the OECD guide No. 432.
- For the skin irritation assessment, we use the in vitro Skin Irritation Reconstructed Human Epidermis Test Method described in OECD guide No. 439.
- For the eye irritation or damage assessment, we use the Reconstructed human Cornea-like Epithelium test method described in OECD guide No. 492.

Other in-vitro methods include HET-CAM and Neutral Red Release method on SIRC cell line.

Value Chain

We are committed to ensure that this Policy is respected beyond our own operations. We ask our third-party manufacturers and our ingredients suppliers to provide statements confirming the non-infringement of the EU cosmetic animal testing ban and we keep records on the Product Information File.

Considering that China requires few types of cosmetics to undergo animal testing, we take different courses of action to avoid it, including, when possible, reformulation of our products. We trust that by collaborating in sectorial initiatives, and advocating for acceptance of existing non-animal test data, we will be able to advance towards a definite elimination of animal testing worldwide.

¹ “GLP” refers to Good Laboratory Practices defined by OECD.



Approval

This Policy has been proposed by the Chief Sustainability Officer and approved on the 23rd of July 2024 by the Chief Executive Officer within the framework of Puig's policies and Ethical Code, and came into force at that time.