



# POSITION STATEMENT

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## Animal Welfare

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### INTRODUCTION

SABIC is committed to ensuring the safety and compliance of its products throughout their life cycle. Chemical manufacturers are required by law to identify and manage the environmental and safety-related risks connected with the products and substances they produce and market. In many jurisdictions around the world, it remains a strict regulatory obligation as part of chemical control laws for companies to utilize both animal and non-animal testing methods to demonstrate product safety performance. These assessments depend on data that may originate from experimental animal testing, from computational modeling, or from alternative methods for hazard and safety assessments – also known as new approach methodologies (NAMs).

This SABIC position statement provides information about our approach to animal welfare during product safety assessment. The statement is subject to change and may be updated from time to time.

### GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Wherever possible, SABIC aims to replace/refine/reduce animal tests using non-animal methods that are robust, reliable, and help establish safe levels for our products with regard to human health and the environment.

Through its participation in industry trade associations, SABIC participates in and contributes to initiatives focused on minimizing the use of animals in scientific research.

SABIC follows the “3R Concept” for safety testing: (a) to Reduce animal testing by minimizing the numbers of animals in safety studies, (b) to Refine animal testing by using methods that minimize distress and improve animal welfare and enrichment, and (c) to Replace animal testing by using non-animal alternative test methods, as appropriate.

SABIC fully supports the continued development of innovative non-animal methods to leverage advancements in human and environmental safety assessment.

### OUR PROCESS

Before SABIC considers a new animal study to evaluate materials for hazard and risk potential or to support new product registrations, we conduct extensive literature searches and evaluate validated NAMs (e.g. grouping of chemical families, structural similarities (QSAR)), and *in vitro* (e.g., test tube, culture dish, or outside a living organism) testing assays to replace/refine/reduce animal tests, where

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possible. Our aim is to support scientific advancements to replace/refine/reduce animal tests with non-animal methods that are robust, reliable, and help establish safe levels for our products to human health and the environment.

In concordance with the 3R concept, SABIC, in many instances, collaborates with other manufacturers (e.g. consortia), to conduct toxicological tests together in order to minimize the number of experiments on animals. When experimental animal testing is necessary, SABIC employees with very specific scientific backgrounds manage the animal tests.

Consistent with SABIC animal testing guiding principles, contract research organizations must be licensed or accredited research facilities with strict animal welfare standards (e.g. AAALAC) enforced by independent inspections, must be qualified by trained SABIC employees prior to the conduct of tests, and animal testing must comply with internationally accepted principles governing Good Laboratory Practice (GLP). Animal welfare risks are overseen by our toxicology professionals and product stewardship management team, and contract research organizations undergo audits. Non-conformances or violations of the animal welfare standards by the contract research organization may result in contract termination and disqualification for future research and will be disclosed annually through SABIC's product stewardship incident management process.

## CONTACT

If you have any further questions, or require any additional information on the above, please use the "Contact Us" form on [www.sabic.com](http://www.sabic.com), select "General" as an option under "What would you like to ask us about". Your inquiry will then be directed to the relevant department.

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