



# UPDATE OF TEST GUIDELINES AND THE MUTUAL ACCEPTANCE OF DATA



## Background

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In February 2012, the OECD Joint Meeting of the Chemicals Committee and Working Party on Chemicals, Pesticides and Biotechnology agreed on clarification related to the deletion and the update of Test Guidelines and the Mutual Acceptance of Data.

1) When an updated Test Guideline is adopted, the former version of the Test Guideline it replaces is deleted.



# Transitional period

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- 2) For Test Guidelines that were deleted by OECD Council, a transitional period of 18 months was agreed before deletion becomes effective.
- 3) The same transitional period applies for the deletion of the former version of a Test Guideline that was updated.

Council Decision

Effective Deletion

Transitional period: 18 months



# Acceptance of results

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## 4) For a deleted Test Guideline:

The results of a test, using **a deleted** Test Guideline and initiated before the effective date of deletion, shall continue to be accepted under the MAD Decision.

## 5) For an updated Test Guideline:

The results of a test, using **a former version of an updated** Test Guideline, and initiated before the effective date of deletion **of the former version** shall continue to be accepted under the MAD Decision.



# Acceptance of results

Council Decision

Initiation of the test

Effective deletion  
or update

