

Directive 2004/9/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council  
of 11 February 2004 on the inspection and verification of good  
laboratory practice (GLP) (Codified version) (Text with EEA relevance)

*Article 1*

1 This Directive shall apply to the inspection and verification of the organisational processes and the conditions under which laboratory studies are planned, performed, recorded and reported for the non-clinical testing, carried out in accordance with the rules and regulations, of all chemicals (e.g. cosmetics, industrial chemicals, medicinal products, food additives, animal feed additives, pesticides) in order to assess the effect of such products on man, animals and the environment.

2 For the purposes of this Directive, ‘good laboratory practice’ (GLP), shall mean laboratory practice conducted in accordance with the principles set out in Directive 2004/10/EC.

3 This Directive does not concern the interpretation and evaluation of test results.

*Article 2*

1 Using the procedure laid down in Article 3, Member States shall verify the compliance with GLP of any testing laboratory within their territory claiming to use GLP in the conduct of tests on chemicals.

2 Where the provisions of paragraph 1 have been complied with, and the results of the inspection and verification are satisfactory, the Member State in question may provide endorsement of a claim by a laboratory that it and the tests that it carries out comply with GLP, using the formula ‘Assessment of conformity with GLP according to Directive 2004/9/EC on ... (date)’.

*Article 3*

1 Member States shall designate the authorities responsible for the inspection of laboratories within their territories and for the audit of studies carried out by laboratories to assess compliance with GLP.

2 The authorities referred to in paragraph 1 shall inspect the laboratory and audit the studies in accordance with the provisions laid down in Annex I.

*Article 4*

1 Each year, Member States shall draw up a report relating to the implementation of GLP within their territory.

This report shall contain a list of laboratories inspected, the date on which such inspection was carried out and a brief summary of the conclusions of the inspections.

2 The reports shall be forwarded to the Commission each year, not later than 31 March. The Commission shall communicate them to the Committee referred to in Article 7(1). The Committee may request information in addition to those elements mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article.

3 Member States shall ensure that commercially sensitive and other confidential information to which they gain access as a result of GLP compliance monitoring activities is made available only to the Commission, to national regulatory and designated authorities and to a laboratory or study sponsor directly concerned with a particular inspection or study audit.

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4 The names of laboratories subject to inspection by a designated authority, their GLP compliance status and the dates upon which laboratory inspections or study audits have been conducted shall not be considered to be confidential.

#### *Article 5*

1 Without prejudice to Article 6, the results of laboratory inspections and study audits on GLP compliance carried out by a Member State shall be binding on the other Member States.

2 Where a Member State considers that a laboratory within its territory claiming GLP compliance does not in fact comply with GLP to the extent that the integrity or authenticity of the studies it performs might be compromised, it shall forthwith inform the Commission. The Commission shall inform the other Member States.

#### *Article 6*

1 Where a Member State has sufficient reason to believe that a laboratory in another Member State claiming GLP compliance has not carried out a test in accordance with GLP, it may request further information from that Member State and in particular may request a study audit, possibly in conjunction with a new inspection.

Should it not be possible for the Member States concerned to reach agreement, the Member States in question shall immediately inform the other Member States and the Commission, giving reasons for their decision.

2 The Commission shall examine as soon as possible the reasons put forward by the Member States within the Committee referred to in Article 7(1); it shall then take the appropriate measures in accordance with procedure referred to in Article 7(2). It may in this connection ask for expert opinions from the designated authorities in the Member States.

[<sup>F13</sup> The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 6a amending this Directive in order to resolve the matters referred to in paragraph 1. Amendments to Annex I shall not change its nature of providing guidance for compliance monitoring procedures for GLP and for the conduct of test facility inspections and study audits.]

#### **Textual Amendments**

**F1** Substituted by [Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1243 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 adapting a number of legal acts providing for the use of the regulatory procedure with scrutiny to Articles 290 and 291 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union \(Text with EEA relevance\)](#).

#### *[<sup>F2</sup> Article 6a*

1 The power to adopt delegated acts is conferred on the Commission subject to the conditions laid down in this Article.

2 The power to adopt delegated acts referred to in Article 6(3) and Article 8(2) shall be conferred on the Commission for a period of five years from 26 July 2019. The Commission shall draw up a report in respect of the delegation of power not later than nine months before the end of the five-year period. The delegation of power shall be tacitly extended for periods of an identical duration, unless the European Parliament or the Council opposes such extension not later than three months before the end of each period.

3 The delegation of power referred to in Article 6(3) and Article 8(2) may be revoked at any time by the European Parliament or by the Council. A decision to revoke shall put an end

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to the delegation of the power specified in that decision. It shall take effect the day following the publication of the decision in the *Official Journal of the European Union* or at a later date specified therein. It shall not affect the validity of any delegated acts already in force.

4 Before adopting a delegated act, the Commission shall consult experts designated by each Member State in accordance with the principles laid down in the Interinstitutional Agreement of 13 April 2016 on Better Law-Making<sup>(1)</sup>.

5 As soon as it adopts a delegated act, the Commission shall notify it simultaneously to the European Parliament and to the Council.

6 A delegated act adopted pursuant to Article 6(3) and Article 8(2) shall enter into force only if no objection has been expressed either by the European Parliament or by the Council within a period of two months of notification of that act to the European Parliament and the Council or if, before the expiry of that period, the European Parliament and the Council have both informed the Commission that they will not object. That period shall be extended by two months at the initiative of the European Parliament or of the Council.]

**Textual Amendments**

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*F<sup>3</sup> Article 7*

1 The Commission shall be assisted by the Committee established by Article 29(1) of Council Directive 67/548/EEC<sup>(2)</sup>, hereinafter ‘the Committee’.

2 Where reference is made to this paragraph, Articles 5 and 7 of Decision 1999/468/EC shall apply, having regard to the provisions of Article 8 thereof.

The period laid down in Article 5(6) of Decision 1999/468/EC shall be set at three months.]

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**Textual Amendments**

- F3** Substituted by [Regulation \(EC\) No 219/2009 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 11 March 2009 adapting a number of instruments subject to the procedure referred to in Article 251 of the Treaty to Council Decision 1999/468/EC with regard to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny Adaptation to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny — Part Two](#).
- F4** Deleted by [Regulation \(EU\) 2019/1243 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 June 2019 adapting a number of legal acts providing for the use of the regulatory procedure with scrutiny to Articles 290 and 291 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union \(Text with EEA relevance\)](#).

*Article 8*

1 The Committee may examine any question which is referred to it by its chairman either on his own initiative or at the request of a representative of a Member State, concerning the implementation of this Directive and in particular regarding:

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- cooperation between the authorities designated by the Member States in technical and administrative matters arising from the implementation of GLP, and
- the exchange of information on the training of inspectors.

[<sup>F12</sup> The Commission is empowered to adopt delegated acts in accordance with Article 6a amending:

- a the formula in Article 2(2);
- b Annex I, to take account of technical progress.]

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*Article 9*

Directive 88/320/EEC is hereby repealed, without prejudice to the obligations of the Member States concerning the time limits for transposition of the said Directives as set out in Annex II, Part B.

References made to the repealed Directive shall be construed as being made to this Directive and shall be read in accordance with the correlation table in Annex III.

*Article 10*

This Directive shall enter into force on the 20th day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

*Article 11*

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

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- (1) [<sup>F2</sup>OJ L 123, 12.5.2016, p. 1.]  
(2) [<sup>F3</sup>OJ 196, 16.8.1967, p. 1.]

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