



European PET Bottle Platform

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EPBP conditions for lab accreditation

The current EPBP accredited laboratories are the following:

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USA

PTI-Europe
Parc Technologique – Y Parc
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Switzerland

Both laboratories can perform testing according to the EPBP protocol and evaluation requirements.

The approval is granted until written revocation by EPBP under the following conditions:

- All testing shall be carried out according to the EPBP protocol, unless otherwise agreed between the EPBP Technical Committee (TC) and the applicant or with The accredited Laboratory.
- Costs for testing and testing related activities, such as sample shipment, sample preparation and results reporting, shall be agreed between the applicant and The accredited Laboratory on a commercial negotiation basis and paid in full by the applicant. EPBP will not get involved in testing cost negotiations neither it will cover such costs. Further, EPBP cannot be held responsible for any misunderstanding or claim related to test arrangement, execution and results.
- Should applicants or potential applicants get in contact with The accredited Laboratory and ask for EPBP approval or for testing according to the EPBP protocol without prior agreement with EPBP TC, The accredited Laboratory will inform them that in order to have their packaging solution evaluated, they need to submit a valid application to EPBP first and then wait for EPBP TC recommendation on a proper testing route.
- Any test performed by the applicant or potential applicant without prior agreement with the EPBP TC is performed by the applicant or potential applicant at its own risk, i.e. without any guarantee that, once a valid application has been submitted, the results will allow the EPBP TC to make an assessment

- The EPBP TC and Steering Board (SB) are ultimately responsible for providing (or not providing) EPBP endorsements. Test results by themselves do not constitute an endorsement and cannot be used to claim that a packaging solution is approved by EPBP. Endorsement by EPBP is achieved only when the final statement is issued by EPBP at the end of the evaluation process.
- In order to allow The accredited Laboratory to carry out the evaluation tests, EPBP might need to share with The accredited Laboratory information in any form (written, oral or electronic), that is considered as confidential by EPBP or by the applicant. The accredited Laboratory agrees to protect the confidentiality of such information for a period of five years unless stated differently, to limit its disclosure only to the persons within the company that are in the need to have access to it for the purpose of executing the tests and not to use the information for any other purpose. Given that signature of a non-disclosure agreement (NDA) between the applicant and EPBP is mandatory for the evaluation process to begin, any information received from the applicant via The accredited Laboratory that is classified as confidential will fall into the scope of the abovementioned NDA and will be treated accordingly. This includes test results.
- The accredited Laboratory agrees not to use EPBP name and logo for communication, promotional and advertising purposes without prior written consent of EPBP.
- EPBP reserves the right to modify the accreditation conditions at any time, informing the approved laboratory(ies) by means of a written communication.
- The approval can be withdrawn by EPBP at any time, by means of a written communication.