

## **1 . Pursuit of product safety**

Morinaga Milk strives to ensure the safety and quality of our products through the use of all available scientific means which can assist us to provide reliable, nutritious products that are meaningful for the good health of everyone.

To that end, we conduct testing which we feel is both appropriate and necessary. These methods incorporate a range of chemical and physical analyses using analytical data provided by a variety of testing equipment. In addition to these analyses, we conduct in vitro studies using microorganisms and cells. All these steps are completed before conducting human clinical trials.

## **2 . Ethical considerations for animal testing**

The policy of the Morinaga Milk is not to conduct or commission animal testing to verify health claims when developing food products unless required by law to ensure consumer safety and quality or in the absence of alternative testing methods.

When conducting animal experiments, in accordance with the “Standards for Care and Management of Laboratory Animals and Alleviation of Pain” based on the “Act on Welfare and Management of Animals”, we have adopted the 3R principles (Replacement (use of alternative methods), Reduction (use of fewer animals), and Refinement (alleviation of pain)) and test plans are formulated with maximum consideration for minimizing pain on the requisite minimum number of animals, with respect for the lives of the animals and taking into consideration animal welfare. These plans have been ensured by the Animal Care and Use Committee created within the company. In addition, we will carry out self-inspection so that we observe compliance with laws, guidelines, and caring and management of laboratory animals.

In order to ensure the objectivity of the above initiative, we have acquired third-party accreditation for Laboratory Animal Care and Use from the Japan Health Sciences Foundation.

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