

# Home Retail Group Animal Testing Policy

## Summary

This document sets out a policy on animal testing for the Group which encompasses products sold by both Argos and Homebase.

The two product areas that are affected by the policy statement below are

- Cosmetics – sold by Argos
- Household Products – sold by Homebase

### Cosmetics

Cosmetics (including fragrances) constitute a tiny fraction of the Argos product range. Many of these are well-known proprietary brands, over which Argos has no influence.

### Household products

Homebase supplies household products which may be (or may be manufactured with ingredients that are) tested on animals. Examples of such products are:

- Hand cleansers and other products designed for skin contact
- Garden chemicals including pesticides
- Household cleaners and other household chemicals.

## Policy Statement

**Home Retail Group does not undertake or commission any animal testing of any kind.**

**We believe that animal testing is unacceptable to the majority of our customers, and so we have decided for all our own brand products we will choose only products made from ingredients which have not been tested or retested on animals after the end of 2000.**

**For some products (particularly pesticides) there are UK legal requirements enforcing the use of animal testing to ensure human safety before they can be sold. (*Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act, 1986, as amended*). In these cases we exempt the products and their ingredients from our policy requirement.**

**We communicate this policy to all of our relevant own-brand suppliers. We periodically survey our suppliers to ensure that they are complying with our policy. Where suppliers claim a legal exemption we ask that they justify this in writing to us.**