Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) Compliance Programme

What is the Good Laboratory Practice Compliance Programme?

Good Laboratory Practice (GLP) is a set of principles that provides a framework by which laboratory studies are planned, performed, monitored, recorded, reported and archived.

Under the GLP compliance programme, we ensure that the facilities registered have their studies conducted in accordance with the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development or OECD Principles of Good Laboratory Practice.

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SAC, as the appointed National GLP Monitoring Authority, manages the GLP compliance programme. The programme is supported by the Economic Development Board (EDB), Agri-Food & Veterinary Authority (AVA), Health Sciences Authority (HSA) and National Environment Agency (NEA).

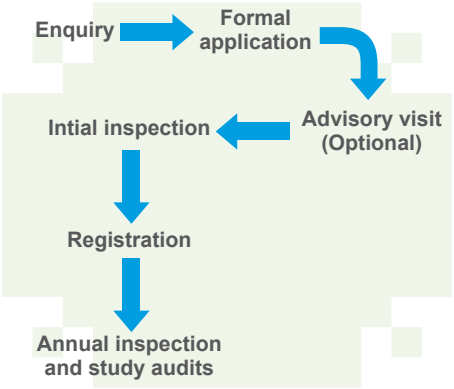
How can you benefit from GLP registration?

Greater market access is a key benefit. GLP registration assures the authorities that the data from your facilities are a true reflection of the results obtained from the studies. And they can be relied upon when making assessments of hazards or risks to man, animals and/or the environment.

Being GLP registered also means that your non-clinical study data are of high quality and will be mutually accepted by the Mutual Acceptance of Data (MAD) adherent countries. It also demonstrates that your facility has well-trained personnel, effectively designed protocols, and ample resources in carrying out non-clinical studies. What this means is your facility will enjoy greater access to international markets, avoid duplication of safety testing and further animal testing. Ultimately, it shortens the time-to-market for your new products.

How can you register?

The GLP registration process begins with an enquiry to SAC. To register, you must first submit an application with information such as the type of studies and key personnel. The application form can be downloaded at www.sac-accreditation.gov.sg. An optional advisory visit can be arranged if required. This visit will identify gaps, if any, in accordance with the OECD Principles of GLP. This is followed by a formal inspection. If the facility is found to be in compliance, it will be accorded recognition as GLP compliant. An annual inspection including study audits will be conducted to ensure continued compliance.



What are the scopes of registration?

The following are some of the GLP studies that a facility may seek registration with SAC.

- Physical – Chemical Testing
- Toxicity Studies
- Mutagenicity Studies
- Environmental Toxicity Studies
- Studies on Behaviour in Water, Soil, Air and Bioaccumulation
- Residual Studies
- Studies on Effects of Mesocosms and Natural Ecosystems
- Analytical and Clinical Chemistry Testing
- Others