



TESTING REQUIREMENTS

Product Testing

All products must meet the testing requirements laid out in the ASDA Technical Product Guides.

It is the supplier's responsibility to demonstrate compliance with any applicable requirements and directives. Additional testing requirements may be required on products as deemed necessary by the ASDA Development Technologist, in order to demonstrate compliance with the General Product Safety Regulations.

Please note that the following points must be adhered to regarding all product test certificates, regardless of certification body:

- All product samples must be submitted for testing to an independent, accredited for the specified test (by a UKAS or HOKLAS or equivalent) laboratory.
- All samples submitted for testing must be fully representative of the production units.
- All costs associated with product testing & certification shall be at the supplier's cost.
- All test certificates must be less than 1 years old at date of product shipment
- All test certificates must bear the model number or unique supplier code which is directly traceable to the Asda product.
- If at any time the supplier amends, changes or modifies the construction, design, materials or specification of a product after it has previously been tested, it is the responsibility of the supplier to ensure the product is re-tested and certification forwarded to the ASDA Technical team.

Timescales for testing:

It is the suppliers' responsibility to submit samples for testing at an appropriate timescale. All samples shall be submitted to a test laboratory allowing time for testing to be completed **AND** allowing time to take corrective actions to eliminate any issues that may be highlighted. Products for which test reports have not been received by this date are in serious jeopardy of being cancelled.

In-Process Testing

- The supplier / factory must carry out a risk assessment of their manufacturing process and implement any in-process testing that is highlighted.
- This must be indicated in the product specification, together with tolerance levels agreed with the ASDA Development Technologist.



- Any system of product control monitoring must comply with the appropriate product group level indicated in the BRC Consumer Product standard.
- All production records must be kept for 7 years. These records may be required for inspection by WAL-MART GP and ASDA technical team.

Surveillance Testing

In addition to the routine testing carried out by the manufacturer, ASDA reserves the right to perform additional testing on products post launch, by selecting and testing an assortment of products purchased from store. These tests shall be carried out using independent laboratories.

If the product conforms to specification, the costs associated with this additional testing shall be met by ASDA.

In the event of non-conformance the cost will be carried by the supplier.

This additional testing has the benefit of :-

- Ensure production quality and specification conforms to original agreement.
- Strengthens ASDA's Due Diligence defense with trading standards organisations.
- Gives us potential early visibility where products could fail.
- Highlights supplier performance.
- Helps us identify where testing of production pre-shipment should be implemented.

These tests will comprise of tests detailed in the technical policies or those that are required to demonstrate compliance with directives or regulations.

Where test failures or out of specification results are found, suppliers will be informed, and appropriate corrective action must be taken. In this event, suppliers will be charged all the costs incurred of any testing undertaken, and any further costs of corrective actions required.

Laboratory Accreditation

External laboratories carrying out third party independent testing should be accredited to an internationally recognised accreditation scheme for the specific tests carried out.