

## Appendix: Acute Oral Toxicity Project

### Test protocol: BTS procedure\*

#### *Principle of the test method*

The test substance is administered orally by gavage at a single dose level to a group of experimental animals. The dose used is selected from a series of fixed dose levels which are related to a classification and labelling system. The dose selected is that which is judged likely to produce evident toxicity, but no deaths. Where no information is available on which

to predict the likely toxicity of the test substances, a preliminary 'sighting' study, using just 3 or 4 animals, should be carried out. Following administration, observations for effects are made. Animals showing distress or which die during the test are necropsied, and at the conclusion of the test the remaining animals are necropsied. Where evident toxicity is not seen at the chosen dose level, or where a severe toxic reaction requires, for animal welfare reasons, the removal of animals from the study, the substances should be retested at the next higher or lower dose level.

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\* For practical reasons, this protocol was drafted in the form of an OECD Guideline, but does not have this status.

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