



The Best Practices for Non-Targeted Analysis Working Group

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Antitrust Compliance Statement for BP4NTA

The Best Practices for Non-Targeted Analysis working group (BP4NTA) is committed to full compliance with all applicable antitrust laws. To ensure our discussions and activities remain lawful and ethical, all participants must adhere to the following principles:

Prohibited Topics and Conduct

- **No discussion of prices, pricing strategies, discounts, or terms of sale** for any products or services.
- **No sharing of market allocation plans**, including territories, customers, or product lines.
- **No coordination or agreement on competitive practices**, such as production levels, bidding strategies, or product development timelines.
- **No exchange of proprietary, confidential, or trade secret information** without prior written authorization from the owning organization.
- **No efforts to exclude or disadvantage competitors**, suppliers, or customers in any way that could be construed as anticompetitive.

Confidentiality and Data Sharing

- Proprietary data, internal testing results, or unpublished methodologies must not be disclosed unless explicitly permitted.
- Any shared documents or presentations must be reviewed to ensure they do not contain sensitive or restricted content.

Permissible Activities

- Technical collaboration focused on advancing public standards, safety, and scientific understanding.
- Sharing of publicly available data, regulatory guidance, and non-commercial best practices.
- Open dialogue on scientific principles, testing protocols, and regulatory interpretations — provided they do not veer into competitive strategy.

Additional Considerations

- **Avoid informal sidebar conversations** that may inadvertently breach these guidelines.
- **Document all meetings and decisions** to maintain transparency and accountability.
- **Consult legal counsel** if there is any uncertainty about the appropriateness of a topic or disclosure.
- **Refrain from disparaging competitors** or making statements that could be construed as exclusionary or defamatory.