



FACILITY OVERVIEW

Châtillon, France

Our facility located in Châtillon, France is designed for rabbit breeding, pharmacopoeial quality control testing, and antisera production. This facility serves the pharmaceutical, veterinary, chemical, and biotechnology industries while adhering to good manufacturing practice (GMP) guidelines.

Background

- Founded by L'Elevage Scientifique des Dombes (ESD) in 1978
- Acquired by Charles River in 1998

Staff

- Approximately 40 employees

Laboratories and Facilities

- 6,045 square meters/65,068 square feet
- Extensive site security
- Species: rabbit, mouse, rat, guinea pig
- Purpose-built laboratory facilities
 - Anti-lock entry, alarmed and monitored 24/7
 - Specialized high biosecurity testing facilities
 - Licensed to work with biosafety level 2 genetically modified organisms (GMOs) and biosafety level 1 pathogens
 - Dedicated laboratory and animal procedure areas
 - SPF animal breeding on site

Service Areas/Study Types

- Rabbit pyrogen testing according to the American, European, Japanese, and Russian Pharmacopoeias
- Abnormal toxicity/general safety testing according to the American, European, and Russian Pharmacopoeias
- Antisera generation
 - Rabbits, mice, rats, or guinea pigs
 - Standard or customized protocol
 - Possibilities for antigen preparation and antibody purification/extraction
- Insulin assays
 - According to the Russian Pharmacopoeia
 - Prolonged action testing or biological activity
- Rabbit blood, serum, plasma, organs available for order
- Other specific compendial tests according to market authorization files
 - ELISA testing after mouse immunization
 - Cell culture
 - Immune-diffusion



EVERY STEP OF THE WAY

Compliance, Certifications, Accreditations and Professional Affiliations

Charles River France operates in compliance with the following regulations, regulatory agencies, and accredited organizations:

- Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) inspected by the Agence Nationale de Sécurité du Médicament et des Produits de Santé (ANSM) a health agency of France
- Directions départementales de la protection des populations (DDPP)
- 2010/63/EU Directive regarding protection and welfare of animals used in research
- Association for Assessment and Accreditation of Laboratory Animal Care (AAALAC)

Quality and Process Initiatives

- Humane Care Initiative for animal welfare
- Lean Six Sigma
- Excellent regulatory compliance history

Humane Care Initiative

Charles River is a worldwide leader in the humane care of laboratory animals. We work hand-in-hand with the scientific community to understand how living conditions, handling procedures and stress play an important role in the quality and efficiency of research.