

# Johnson & Johnson Issues Statement on Talc in India

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Johnson & Johnson is in full compliance with current Indian regulatory requirements for the manufacturing and testing of our talc. We stand behind the safety of our talc, which is routinely tested by both suppliers and independent labs to ensure it is free of asbestos. All talc in India is sourced and exclusively sold in India and surrounding markets – including Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Maldives – and fully meets the regulatory standards of the Government of India.

Authorities in India such as the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) regularly test samples as part of their ongoing processes and have previously confirmed that our products are free of asbestos. K. Bangarurajan, a senior official at the CDSCO [told Reuters on December 18](#) that “We tested samples in 2016, but no such thing was found in them,” Bangarurajan said by phone. “The samples were found to be complying with Indian standards.” Johnson & Johnson is fully cooperating with recent inquiries to confirm the safety of our talc.