



# Why ISO/IEC 17025?

- **Internationally recognized as THE laboratory QC standard**
  - Used in USA by both public (state, local, federal (FDA, USDA, CDC, DoD and EPA)) and private laboratories
  - For testing of foods & feeds, drugs, cosmetics, tobacco, natural products and cannabis
  - 50 state recognition possible
- **Provides a framework for continuous improvement and self correction**
  - Lab data management system independently reviewed
  - Blind sample proficiency testing encouraged
- **Test results have greater comparability and reliability**
  - Provides greater confidence in the labels and trust in the stated ingredients
  - Helps regulators ensure the safety of the product
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- **Provides defensibility**
  - Product safety and quality test results can stand up in court
  - Full traceability of all reagents, instruments, and personnel involved in analysis
- **Reduces cost of doing business**
  - Reduces repeat testing
  - Reduces insurance rates