A key pillar of the programme, the Codex consists of 3 key elements

**A List of Chemicals**
- substances potentially present at a trace level (including PAHs, PCBs, dioxins, furans, phthalates and formaldehyde)

**Guidance Values**
- levels which the listed trace impurities should not exceed

**Standardised Test Methods**
- agreed consumer relevant laboratory procedures to test for the presence of impurities and assess levels

**Exposure Based Risk Assessment (EBRA)**
- A scientifically sound risk assessment using realistic parameters to ensure continued consumer safety

**An EDANA initiative** on behalf of the nonwovens industry.

**Participating members** commit to not exceed limit values in a defined list of substances in absorbent hygiene products.

The safety of Absorbent Hygiene Products and maintaining consumer confidence are the overriding priorities for EDANA and its members.

To further strengthen the industry’s safety efforts, EDANA and its members have committed to a new level of action and transparency on levels of trace substances with this voluntary programme for diapers, feminine hygiene and adult incontinence products.