

## Notice of Acquisition of Anti-Doping Certification for 5-Aminolevulinic Acid (5-ALA) Ingredient

neopharma Japan (represented by Satofumi Kawata) is pleased to announce that its food-grade ingredient 5-ALA, produced at the company's Fukuroi Plant (located in Fukuroi City, Shizuoka Prefecture, Japan) has received an "Informed Ingredient certification" under the "Informed Ingredient" global quality assurance program.

This "Informed Ingredient certification" was granted by LGC Co., Ltd.,<sup>\*1</sup> which has been operating one of the world's largest anti-doping certification programs from its headquarters in the UK since 2007. This international anti-doping certification program has certified more than 470 brands and 1,800 products worldwide and has earned the trust of many athletes across the globe.

The acquisition of this "Informed Ingredient" certification is expected to greatly facilitate the development of new sports food and drink products containing 5-ALA. For its part, NPJ shall continue to contribute to the development and delivery of products that support the safe and secure health of athletes and the many people involved in sports activities.



5-ALA

For more information, please check out LGC's list of Certified Supplement Ingredient below:

<https://ingredient.wetestyoutrust.com/certified-ingredients>

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## [Glossary]

### \*1 LGC Co., Ltd.

LGC was first founded in London in 1842 as a semi-private analytical laboratory and later privatized in 1996. It provides analysis based on chemical and bioanalytical measurements in the pharmaceutical, biotechnological, food, and environmental sectors, offers advanced testing for athlete health care and supplements, and operates the “Informed certification programs”, which include the international “Informed Sport” (hereinafter “I-S”) and “Informed-Choice” (hereinafter “I-C”) anti-doping certification programs.

The I-S and I-C certification programs are designed “not only for finished dietary supplements and food products but also for their manufacturing facilities” and to demonstrate that “the risk of contamination from prohibited substances on the WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency) list ([www.wada-ama.org](http://www.wada-ama.org)) has been minimized in accordance with the stringent guidelines for raw materials, products and manufacturing facilities, and that products have been kept free from contamination from other production processes through the continuous and simultaneous analytical testing of products as they are manufactured.”

An equally rigorous certification program, “Informed Ingredient”, is available for use on raw materials. This certification program is endorsed by leading companies in the dietary supplement industry and has become the global standard for quality control of sports nutrition products. “Informed Ingredient” certification allows supplement manufacturers the ability to use ingredients without concern and to confidently offer their contaminant-free products to many of the world's leading supplement companies.