





# ORIGIN MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

The quality of the starting herbal material is an essential prerequisite, since it may affect all the subsequent phases. Hence **GMPs** are applied already from these early steps to guarantee the characteristics of the final product. At this stage, there are a number of measures we employ:

ee supplier inspection and qualification, according to

 $\mbox{GACP}$  (Good Agricultural and Collection Practices)  $\sqrt{}$  area selection

√ control of:

- \_ harvesting period and harvesting method
- \_ drying conditions
- \_ storage
- ✓ botanical identification of the plant and part of the plant
- √ quarantine of the biomass under monitored conditions
- $\sqrt{}$  microbiological analysis
- √ chemical analysis
- $\vee$  control of contaminants, including:
  - \_ pesticides
  - \_ aflatoxins
  - \_ heavy metals

Only after all of these controls the botanical raw material will be **released** for further processing or **rejected** due to non conformance with our strict requirements.

## $13 \bullet \bullet \bullet \mathsf{PROCESSING} \bullet \bullet \to \mathbf{23}$

# PROCESSING: TIGHT CONTROLS **PREVENT ERROR**

The whole production process is controlled by **strict adherence to GMPs** with well defined **procedures** and **analysis** at critical steps of production.

All raw data is recorded and every critical procedure and parameter are thoroughly described for workers and double-checked in a **Master Batch Record** (MBR).

The manufacturing process includes controls on:

- $\checkmark$  grinding
- $\checkmark$  extraction process parameters including:
  - \_ solvent type
  - \_ extraction conditions (time, temperature and pressure)
- $\checkmark$  concentration
- $\checkmark$  purification
- $\checkmark$  drying
- $\checkmark$  packaging/labeling
- √ cleaning









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# CHECK AND THEN

The finished product undergoes **final analysis** and documentation review; this ensures compliance with specifications. **Leading-edge technology** and analytical instrumentation are employed, including **HPLC** and **NMR**, according to suitably validated analytical methods.

Qualified analytical **reference standards** are used, and all data is summarized in the Certificate of Analysis. All analytical data is maintained for future reference.

The **final stage** involves quality assurance/quality control review such as:

- $\checkmark$  MBR documentation review
- $\checkmark$  analytical controls such as:
  - \_ content of active principles
  - \_ content of impurities
  - \_ heavy metals
  - \_ pesticides
  - \_ residual solvents
- $\checkmark$  physical analysis
- $\checkmark$  microbiological analysis of the final product

Additionally, laboratory equipment qualification and periodical maintenance is assured.





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More than 30 quality controls from starting material to finished product: it's Indena's prerequisite, the only reliable basis on which the manufacturing process can be established and the way we create a value difference.

Indena is committed to continuous improvement of **Quality Assurance** (QA) and is actively engaged in helping to define the **regulatory environment**.

Robust **QA systems** ensure quality is built into the product, starting with **Good Agricultural** and **Collection Practices** (GACP) during **cultivation**, **growing** and **harvesting** of the plant.

The quality of a product is **controlled** during **all stages** of the manufacturing process by adherence to strict **Good Manufacturing Practices** (GMPs) and extensive testing at every stage of manufacturing and following HACCP in case of food products.

Only when our scientists are **fully satisfied** is a product qualified to enter the market.

But the process doesn't stop there. Our scientists are constantly developing **new analytical methods** to ensure the products we offer are state of the art.

**Every process** that has an impact on product quality is precisely documented, and **available** for review by our customers and regulatory authorities.







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