

Veterinary Surgeons (Veterinary Laboratories) Regulations, 1998

IT is hereby notified that the Minister of Lands and Agriculture has approved the following regulations made by the Council of Veterinary Surgeons of Zimbabwe in terms of section 48 of the Veterinary Surgeons Act [*Chapter 27:15*]:—

Title

1. These regulations may be cited as the Veterinary Surgeons (Veterinary Laboratories) Regulations, 1998.

Interpretation

2. In these regulations—

“approved” means approved by the Council;

“certificate of approval” means a certificate issued in terms of section 5 of the Act;

“veterinary laboratory” means premises used by a veterinary surgeon as a veterinary laboratory.

Designation of a veterinary laboratory

3. (1) No person conducting a veterinary laboratory shall—

(a) designate it as such otherwise than by the use of the following title—

(i) “Veterinary Laboratory”;

(ii) “Veterinary Diagnostic and Research Laboratory”;

(iii) “Veterinary Diagnostic Laboratory”;

or

(b) designate it as such by the use of a title, or a combination of titles referred to in paragraph (a), unless he holds a valid certificate of approval for the veterinary laboratory.

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(2) Subsection (1) shall not apply in respect of a veterinary laboratory which was being conducted as such immediately before the date of commencement of these regulations—

- (a) until the expiry of the period of three months following such date of commencement; or
- (b) where, within the period referred to in paragraph (a), an application has been made for a certificate of approval of the laboratory and the application has not been determined, until the date on which the application is determined;

whichever is the later.

Application for approval of veterinary laboratory

4. (1) A person conducting or proposing to conduct a veterinary laboratory and wishing to secure a certificate of approval thereof shall make written application thereof to the Registrar.

(2) In making an application in terms of subsection (1), an applicant shall—

- (a) give full particulars of how section 6 will be complied with at the veterinary laboratory to which the application relates; and
- (b) if the application relates to a new veterinary laboratory which it is proposed to construct, submit therewith detailed plans of the proposed veterinary laboratory.

(3) On receipt of an application made in terms of subsection (1), the Registrar shall refer it to the Council.

Granting of approval of veterinary laboratory

5. (1) If, on consideration of an application referred to it by the Registrar in terms of subsection (3) of section 4, it is satisfied that section 6 will be complied with at the veterinary laboratory concerned, the Council shall direct the Registrar to issue a certificate of approval to the applicant.

(2) Where the Council has directed him to issue a certificate of approval in terms of subsection (1), the Registrar shall forthwith, on payment by the applicant of a fee of one thousand dollars, issue to him a certificate of approval of the veterinary laboratory concerned.

Standards to be met at approved laboratory

6. At every veterinary laboratory in respect of which a valid certificate of approval is held the requirements specified in the Schedule shall be satisfied to an approved standard.

Notice of alteration, etc., to be given to Council

7. Where it is proposed to alter or extend the premises of a veterinary laboratory in respect of which a valid certificate of approval is held, the person conducting the veterinary laboratory shall submit to the Council detailed plans of the proposed alteration or extension.

Inspection of approved veterinary laboratory

8. (1) The Council may at any time and shall, within twelve months after the issue of the certificate of approval and thereafter at regular intervals of not more than twelve months, inspect or cause to be inspected by an inspection team approved by the Council and headed by a veterinary surgeon, every veterinary laboratory in respect of which a valid certificate of approval is held.

(2) No person shall hinder or obstruct the Council or a member thereof from carrying out an inspection in terms of this section.

(3) The person conducting a veterinary laboratory to be inspected in terms of this section shall furnish to the Council or a member thereof, as the case may be, the means necessary for the proper carrying out of the inspection.

Cancellation of certificate of approval

9. (1) Subject to this section, if it appears to the Council that section 6 has not been complied with at a veterinary laboratory in

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respect of which a valid certificate of approval is held, the Council may—

- (a) serve notice in writing on the person conducting the veterinary laboratory specifying the respects in which there has been a failure to comply with those provisions and requiring that the defects be remedied by a date to be specified therein; or
- (b) withdraw its approval of the veterinary laboratory and instruct the Registrar to cancel the certificate of approval thereof.

(2) Before exercising the powers conferred on it by subsection (1), the Council shall—

- (a) satisfy itself that the person conducting the veterinary laboratory concerned has been informed of the respect in which it is alleged there has been a failure to comply with section 6 and has been afforded a reasonable opportunity to reply to those allegations; and
- (b) take into account any reply referred to in paragraph (a).

(3) If by the date specified in a notice served in terms of paragraph (a) of subsection (1), the defects concerned have not been remedied to the satisfaction of the Council, the Council may withdraw its approval of veterinary laboratory concerned and instruct the Registrar to cancel the certificate of approval thereof.

(4) If instructed in terms of paragraph (b) of subsection (1) or subsection (3) to cancel a certificate of approval the Registrar shall forthwith by notice in writing served on the person conducting the veterinary laboratory concerned cancel the certificate of approval thereof.

(5) The person conducting a veterinary laboratory in respect of which the certificate of approval has been cancelled in terms of this section shall surrender the certificate of approval to the Registrar.

SCHEDULE (*Section 6*)

REQUIREMENTS TO BE SATISFIED IN AN APPROVED VETERINARY
LABORATORY

The Veterinary Laboratory must—

1. Be under the control of a registered veterinary surgeon.
2. Employ a registered laboratory technologist or technician.
3. Have a suitable permanent premises with electricity and hot and cold water and other essential services.
4. Have a safe, adequate and appropriate system for the disposal of—
 - (i) waste matter; and
 - (ii) carcasses; and
 - (iii) dung and bedding; and
 - (iv) used dressing.
5. Have appropriate equipment for each discipline.
6. Have appropriate safety measures available.
7. Have a suitable record keeping and reporting system.
8. Have suitable facilities for storage of reagents and chemicals.
9. Subscribe to an approved quality control system.
10. Be inspected annually for registration.