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To whom it may concern

## **REVISED APPLICATION FORM AND GUIDELINES FOR PERMISSION UNDER SECTION 20 OF THE ANIMAL DISEASES ACT 1984 (ACT NO 35 OF 84) TO PERFORM RESEARCH, EXPERIMENT OR INVESTIGATION.**

A permit under Section 20 of the Animal Diseases Act 1984 (Act no 35 of 84) is required to perform any research, investigation or experiment of any kind for any purpose with or on any animal or parasite or pathogen or part thereof in any form. The Section 20 permit must be obtained from the national Director: Animal Health at DALRRD prior to the start of such research. Application for a "Section 20 permit" must be made via a specific Section 20 application form and relevant supporting documentation.

DALRRD has recently revised both the application form and the associated guidelines for the Section 20 application process, and we have introduced a new application form for amendment requests to existing Section 20 permits. While there are no changes to the conditions for obtaining a permit under Section 20 of the Animal Diseases Act, 1984 (Act No. 35 of 1984), it is hoped the new application form and guidelines, as well as the amendment request form, will further expedite the Section 20 process and improve the ease of application. Please find the revised application form (Version 20/1), revised guidelines (Version 20/1) and amendment request form (Version 20/1) attached to this letter. We would appreciate if these documents could be distributed within your networks to improve awareness of these guidelines and forms. The application forms and guidelines can also be found on the DALRRD website: <https://www.dalrrd.gov.za/Branches/Agricultural-Production-Health-Food-Safety/Animal-Health/Epidemiology/researchapproval>

We thank you for your support and valued cooperation in this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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