
AGRICULTURE

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Veterinary Surgeons Act 1960

**Veterinary Surgeons Amendment
Regulations 1999**

Made by the Lieutenant-Governor and deputy of the Governor in
Executive Council.

1. Citation

These regulations may be cited as the *Veterinary Surgeons
Amendment Regulations 1999*.

2. The regulations amended

The amendments in these regulations are to the *Veterinary
Surgeons Regulations 1979**.

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3. Regulation 28 amended

After regulation 28(1) the following subregulation is inserted —

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- (1a) Conviction of a registered veterinary surgeon for an
offence under the *Poisons Act 1964*, unless in the
opinion of the Board such offence is of a trivial nature,
or unless there are extenuating circumstances, shall
constitute unprofessional conduct on the part of the
surgeon.

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4. Regulation 28A amended

- (1) Regulation 28A is amended by inserting before “A veterinary”
the subregulation designation “(1)”.
- (2) Regulation 28A(1) is amended by deleting “A” and inserting
instead —

“ Subject to subregulation (2), a ”.

- (3) After regulation 28A(1) the following subregulation is inserted —

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- (2) A veterinary surgeon who —
- (a) prescribes any substance that is specified in the Fourth or the Eighth Schedule to the *Poisons Act 1964*, as amended, or is added under that Act to either of those Schedules; or
 - (b) signs a written order under regulation 39A of the *Poisons Regulations 1965*, as amended, for the sale of a mixture of stockfeed with an antibiotic or sulphonamide that is specified in the Fourth Schedule to the *Poisons Act 1964*, as amended, or is added under that Act to that Schedule,

fails to observe the prescribed standards of professional conduct if he or she —

- (c) does not have knowledge of the property or premises where the animal or animals to which the substance or mixture is to be given or administered are kept;
- (d) does not have reasonable grounds to believe that an examination of the animal or animals is not necessary to establish a diagnosis; and
- (e) has not discussed the health of the animal or animals with the owner or person in charge of the animal or animals within 7 days of prescribing the substance or signing the order.

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5. Regulation 29 inserted

After regulation 28B the following regulation is inserted —

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29. Unprofessional conduct in relation to supply or prescription of a substance referred to in the Fourth Schedule of the *Poisons Act 1964*

- (1) A registered veterinary surgeon is guilty of unprofessional conduct if he or she supplies or prescribes a substance referred to in the Fourth Schedule to the *Poisons Act 1964* —
- (a) without making a clinical record relating to the animal, or group of animals, in respect of which the substance is supplied or prescribed;
 - (b) in a greater quantity than is reasonably required to treat the animal, or group of animals, in respect of which the substance is supplied or prescribed; or

- (c) without complying with the requirements referred to in subregulation (2) for the clinical record.
- (2) A clinical record referred to in subregulation (1)(a) is to contain the following information —
- (a) the name of the substance referred to in the Fourth Schedule to the *Poisons Act 1964* that was supplied or prescribed;
 - (b) the name and address of the owner of the animal, or group of animals, in respect of which the substance was supplied or prescribed;
 - (c) appropriate details to identify the animal or group of animals;
 - (d) the clinical history of the animal, or group of animals, including the results of any diagnostic tests such as blood tests or x-rays;
 - (e) the results of any examination of the animal or group of animals by the registered veterinary surgeon; and
 - (f) the quantity of the substance that was supplied or prescribed.

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6. Regulation 80 amended

The Table to regulation 80 is amended as follows:

- (a) in item 8 by deleting “210” and inserting instead —
“ 195 ”;
- (b) in item 10 by deleting “210” and inserting instead —
“ 195 ”;
- (c) in item 11 by deleting “10” and inserting instead —
“ 20 ”.

By Command of the Lieutenant-Governor and deputy of the Governor,

M. C. WAUCHOPE, Clerk of the Executive Council.
