

**GENERAL NOTICES  
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**NOTICE 874 OF 2013**

**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHERIES  
VETERINARY AND PARA-VETERINARY PROFESSIONS ACT, 1982  
(ACT No. 19 OF 1982)**

**RULES RELATING TO THE PRACTISING OF THE VETERINARY PROFESSIONS**

It is hereby made known for general information that –

- (a) the South African Veterinary Council has under section 30(1) of the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, 1982 (Act No. 19 of 1982), amended the Rules Relating to the Practising of Veterinary Professions published by Government Notice No. R 34 of 18 January 2002 to the extent set out in the Schedule hereto; and
- (b) the Minister of Agriculture, has under section 30(3) of the said Act approved the amendment; and
- (c) the said amendment shall come into operation on date of publication.

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Registrar: South African Veterinary Council.

## SCHEDULE

1. In this Schedule "Rules" means the Rules Relating to the Practising of Veterinary Professions under the Veterinary and Para-Veterinary Professions Act, 1982, published under Government Notice No. R 34 of 18 January 2002, and any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Rules shall have that meaning, unless the context otherwise indicates.

### Amendment of rule 1

2. Rule 1 of the Rules is hereby amended by the insertion of the following definition of "veterinary shop" \_ after the definition of "veterinary services at all times"

"veterinary shop" means a facility at or from which a person who practices a veterinary profession sells veterinary pharmaceutical products, including products for which the manufacturer has limited the sale to veterinary professionals, to the public

### Insertion of Part XI

3. The Rules are hereby amended by the insertion of the following heading and rules after rule 40:

#### **"RULES: PART XI: MINIMUM STANDARDS FOR VETERINARY SHOPS**

##### **General structural requirements**

41.(1) A veterinary shop shall –

- (a) be a permanent structure. (This is not intended to exclude buildings, which are factory produced and site assembled, e.g. a prefabricated building as the word "permanent" relates to the materials used and not the building itself);
- (b) have adequate lighting and ventilation;
- (c) have internal walls and floor surfaces that are neat and constructed of impervious materials to ensure that hygienic conditions can be maintained.
- (d) have sufficient storage space to ensure hygienic insect and rodent free storage of all items stocked in the veterinary shop; and
- (e) have provision for the display of merchandise in or on neat and attractive display cabinets, shelving, counters and tables that have impervious surfaces that can be properly cleaned and disinfected.

**General procedural requirements**

- 42.(1) Only a veterinarian may have a financial interest in and own a veterinary shop.
- (2) All staff employed at a veterinary shop should have completed a minimum training course acceptable to council to ensure that they are adequately and appropriately trained and qualified to offer a professional service to the public;
- (3) Attendance certificate need to be kept for each staff member as proof of completion of the acceptable training course.
- (4) Any consultation or service requests of a veterinary clinical nature should be referred to a registered veterinary facility.
- (5) Veterinary or para-veterinary supervision at a veterinary shop is essential with active and visible participation in the activities of veterinary shop

**Sale of merchandise**

- 44.(1) The following products may be sold at a veterinary shop:
  - (i) Medicines that are registered as schedule 0 medicines in terms of the Medicines and Related Substances Control Act, Act 101 of 1965;
  - (ii) Stock remedies registered without any conditions for sale or use in terms of the Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, Act 36 of 1947; and
  - (iii) Any other veterinary pharmaceutical products including products for which the manufacturer has limited the sale to veterinary professionals.
- (2) Stock remedies registered with restricted requirements such as for "use by or under the control of a veterinarian only" in terms of the Fertilizers, Farm Feeds, Agricultural Remedies and Stock Remedies Act, Act 36 of 1947 may only be sold if a veterinarian has advised on the suitability of the stock remedy and is present in the veterinary shop at the time of the sale.
- (3) No medicines registered as schedule 1 or any higher schedule in terms of the Medicines and Related Substances Control Act, Act 101 of 1965 may be sold from a veterinary shop.
- (4) No live animals are to be kept for sale or sold at a veterinary shop."