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

REGULATIONS

2. Registration of Veterinary Facilities and Veterinary Shops.—
2.1 All veterinary facilities and veterinary shops shall be registered with the council and comply with the applicable minimum standards for veterinary facilities or veterinary shops.
2.2 An applicant that applies for the registration of a veterinary facility or a veterinary shop shall make an application for registration on a form that is obtainable from the registrar for this purpose certifying that the veterinary facility or veterinary shop complies with the applicable minimum standards.

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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 certificates 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 the 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 1946; 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 1946 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, displayed or sold at a veterinary shop.