Rule 7

7. Acceptance and payment of commission

(1) Subject to Rule 7(2) a veterinary professional may not -
   (a) Accept any commission from any person as a consideration for referrals of any clients by such veterinary professional to such person;
   (b) Share with any person, fees charged for a service unless -
       (i) Such sharing is commensurate with the extent of such other person's participation in the rendering of the service concerned; or
       (ii) He/she is a veterinary professional associated with the veterinary professional as a partner, shareholder, employee or locum tenens;
       and/or
   (c) Charge or accept any fee for the same examination of or work on an animal from both the buyer and the seller of that animal or both the insurer and the owner of that animal.

(2) The provisions of Rule 7(1) shall not be so construed as to prohibit a veterinary professional -
   (a) From introducing a loyalty scheme for a particular practice, provided that the loyalty scheme does not include the payment of money;
   (b) From paying to a debt collection agency any commission in respect of debts which are collected by such agency on his/her behalf; or
   (c) From accepting any royalty or similar compensation in respect of an article or product to which he/she holds the patent rights or registration under the Medicines Act or Stock Remedy Act.