

COMMUNICATION TO STAKEHOLDERS

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INTRODUCTION CONDITIONS OF LICENCE FOR HOLDERS X-RAY GENERATOR LICENCE IN THE VETERINARY SECTOR

The Hazardous Substances Act 15 of 1973 prohibits anyone to sell, let, use, operate, or apply any Group III hazardous substances without a valid licence issued by the regulator. SAHPRA regulates the use of electronic products of ionizing radiation classified as Group III in the Hazardous Substances Act read with the Regulations.

To ensure the safety of the animals, public, radiation workers and the environment from the hazardous effects of ionising radiation, it is important for the Regulator to impose the conditions to all veterinary licence holders. As such, the Regulator will embark in a process of updating the existing licences to affect the conditions accordingly.

Section 4 (7) (b) of the Hazardous Substances Act empowers SAHPRA to issue a written notice to the person concerned at any time to impose any condition or any further condition in respect of a licence.

Consequently, the following licence conditions will be imposed to all veterinarians who are Group III licence holders:

- a. **Condition 24** A comprehensive quality management system or plan for radiation safety must be compiled and protocols, procedures, policies, instructions, tests, evaluations, and rules are performed and documented in accordance with the system. This local system must include, but not limited to, safety check protocol, the roles, and

responsibilities of the respective members of the radiation management team and an internal audit protocol which specifies frequencies for audits.

- b. **Condition 42** License holder must provide radiation workers with protective clothing and personal radiation monitor devices. License Holder must ensure guidelines for personal monitoring is followed as stipulated in <https://sahpra.org.za/document/guideline-for-personal-monitoring-med-and-vet-use-of-diagnostic-x-ray-equipment>
- c. **Condition 82** The use of the x-ray unit is limited to veterinary radiation examinations only.

For any enquiries email must be sent to radconenquiries@sahpra.org.za and for acts & regulations, guidelines and forms visit <https://www.sahpra.org.za/radiation-control/>.

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