



The Hong Kong Veterinary Association

6th November, 2012

The Chairman
Panel of Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Hong Kong Veterinary Association fully supports the proposals to amend the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance (Cap. 529) as outlined in the letter (Ref: AF TSD 8-2/3) received from the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department dated 8 October, 2012. We are delighted to see proposals being made to improve and strengthen the VSB so that it can better perform its most important function of regulating the veterinary surgeons of Hong Kong in a structured, transparent, fair and efficient manner.

To this end we would like to propose three further changes:

1. That the Chairman of the Veterinary Surgeons Board be selected by a method agreed to by the Board.
2. That the Preliminary Investigation Committee (PIC) be made up of 2 veterinarians and 1 lay person and that at least one of the veterinarians is in clinical practice.
3. That the PIC would make a decision based on a majority vote and not on a consensus of opinion.

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