

## **LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL BRIEF**

Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance  
(Chapter 529)

### **VETERINARY SURGEONS REGISTRATION (AMENDMENT) ORDINANCE 2015 (COMMENCEMENT) (NO.2) NOTICE 2020**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

The Secretary for Food and Health (“SFH”), by virtue of section 1(2) of the Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 2015 (“the Amendment Ordinance”), appoints 1 October 2020 as the day on which the uncommenced provisions of the Amendment Ordinance come into operation. The Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 2015 (Commencement) (No.2) Notice 2020 (“the Notice”) is at **Annex**.

#### **JUSTIFICATIONS**

2. Enacted on 26 March 2015, the Amendment Ordinance provides for, among others, the expansion of membership of the Veterinary Surgeons Board (VSB) membership from only appointed members to a composition comprising appointed members and members elected from among registered veterinary surgeons, as well as matters for streamlining the complaint-handling procedures of VSB.

3. We planned to commence the Amendment Ordinance in two stages to allow for a smooth transition from the existing VSB to a newly constituted VSB with an expanded membership comprising both appointed and elected members. To kick start the election procedures of six members to the VSB from among registered veterinary surgeons, SFH has made the Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 2015 (Commencement) Notice 2020 on 17 February 2020 to bring into effect from 24 April 2020

provisions of the Amendment Ordinance necessary for the conduct of the first election without affecting the membership and operation of the existing VSB.

4. Following the commencement of the aforementioned provisions, the VSB has been proceeding in full swing to prepare for the conduct of the first election in the coming months. The election results are expected to be ready for announcement in September so that the newly constituted VSB comprising both appointed members and elected members can come into operation in full in October 2020.

### **THE NOTICE**

5. The Notice at **Annex** seeks to bring the Amendment Ordinance in full operation from 1 October 2020 so that the newly constituted VSB will come into operation.

### **LEGISLATIVE TIMETABLE**

6. The legislative timetable is as follows –

Publication in the Gazette	8 May 2020
Tabling at the Legislative Council	13 May 2020

### **ENQUIRY**

7. For any enquiries, please contact Miss Yandy Chan, Assistant Secretary for Food and Health, at 3509 8700.

**Food and Health Bureau**  
**6 May 2020**

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**Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Amendment)  
Ordinance 2015 (Commencement) (No. 2) Notice 2020**

Under section 1(2) of the Veterinary Surgeons Registration (Amendment) Ordinance 2015 (6 of 2015), I appoint 1 October 2020 as the day on which the uncommenced provisions of the Ordinance come into operation.



Secretary for Food and Health

5 May 2020