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(Attn: Miss Josephine SO)

Dear Miss SO,

**Panel on Food Safety and Environmental Hygiene  
List of follow-up actions**

I refer to your letter dated 11 March 2021. Please find our response to the item “Proposals to amend Schedule 2 to the Veterinary Surgeons Registration Ordinance (Cap. 529) (“VSRO”)” on the list of follow-up actions in the ensuing paragraphs.

The proposed amendment of Schedule 2 to the VSRO aims to facilitate veterinary students receiving clinical training required by the curriculum of their veterinary programme. At the same time, in order to safeguard the right-to-know and interest of animal owners, we propose that the “Code of Practice for the Guidance of Registered Veterinary Surgeons” should stipulate that owner’s consent must be sought before a veterinary student may perform any exempted veterinary acts on an animal, and the registered veterinary surgeon shall be fully responsible for the veterinary acts performed by the veterinary student under his or her direct and continuous supervision. The above proposal does not require the veterinary student to sign any kind of consent before their clinical training.

The proposed amendment does not aim to restrict the origin of animals for veterinary students to perform exempted veterinary acts. If an animal welfare group identifies itself to be the owner and requests veterinary services from a registered veterinary surgeon for an animal it has rescued, the supervising veterinary surgeon may, with the consent obtained from the animal welfare group, allow a veterinary student to observe and assist him/her to perform any exempted veterinary acts on the animal so that the student can have the opportunity to receive clinical training.

For those animals without implanted microchip, registered veterinary surgeons may verify the owner's identification document and/or the medical records of the relevant animals to confirm the owner's identity when necessary.

Yours sincerely,

( Amor WONG )  
for Secretary of Food and Health