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Dear Dr Rogers

RE: SAEVA POLICY DOCUMENT: EQUINE VACCINATION AND IDENTIFICATION FOR COMPETITION AND OTHER CERTIFICATION PURPOSES

We acknowledge receipt of email dated 9 August 2021 and the draft SAEVA policy on equine vaccination and identification for certification purposes.

We would like to congratulate SAEVA for this initiative to help improve education, awareness and compliance with regard to vaccination and sincerely hope that the SAEVA vaccination policy is well received by the veterinary community.

With regard to the endorsement or formal letter of support for the SAEVA vaccination policy, we have discussed this and are of the understanding that the Director: Animal Health cannot endorse actions or requirements that are not controlled by the Animal Diseases Act 1984 (Act no 35 of 84) or for a controlled purpose in terms of the Animal Diseases Act 1984 (Act no 35 of 84). As many sections of the SAEVA vaccination policy deal with vaccination for diseases that are not controlled or matters not directly within the scope of the Animal Diseases Act 1984 (Act no 35 of 84), we would unfortunately not be able to provide an endorsement or official letter of support for the SAEVA vaccination policy.

We would however like to suggest the following that will assist SAEVA in ensuring successful recognition, distribution and acceptance of the SAEVA vaccination policy:

1. You are welcome to quote or refer to the sections of the Animal Diseases Act 1984 (Act no 35 of 84) or the relevant disease VPNs and SOPs as needed where dealing with controlled animal diseases in the SAEVA vaccination policy;
2. We would suggest that the SAEVA vaccination policy, once completed, also be forwarded to all veterinarians and para-veterinary professionals through the veterinary statutory body, the SAVC. This will help ensure distribution to the veterinary community, especially those that do not primarily work with equids;

Lastly, we have included some inputs or comments to the SAEVA vaccination policy in the version attached for your consideration.

We thank you for your kind understanding and invaluable support

Kind regards



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DIRECTOR: ANIMAL HEALTH

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