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Dear Sir/Madam,

As you are aware, the whole world is facing a difficult time due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic. All Universities and colleges are closed due to the national lockdown in the country thereby affecting the teaching learning process in academic institutions including Veterinary institutions (Universities and colleges). However, it is important to continue the educational process making effective use of technology, while at the same time comply with the directions of the Government to contain the spread of COVID-19. Therefore, there is an immediate need for all the Veterinary Colleges and Veterinary/Agriculture Universities to work in constructive ways with effective use of technology so as to continue the educational process. There is a need for relaxation of the internship requirement for completing the BVSc & AH degree in the wake of COVID-19 pandemic and closure of educational institutions. This will ensure continuing education amidst the lockdown, thereby alleviating adverse effect of the lock down.

Accordingly, the states / universities / State Veterinary Councils/ are requested to consider the following advisory for internship training in the BVSc & AH course in the country. However, every Veterinary / Agricultural university may chart out its own plan of action taking into consideration the internship issues in the wake of lock down under the COVID pandemic -

- a. Universities may direct their students pursuing BVSc & AH Degree and have completed their veterinary curriculum requirement but could not start internship training due to COVID 19 pandemic, to commence internships, albeit following personal hygiene, safety norms and social distancing
- b. Students of BVSc & AH Degree programme, having provisional course completion certificate and provisional registration, may undertake internship programmes at Veterinary Clinical Centres (VCC), Government Veterinary Polyclinics, Veterinary Biological Centres, Technology Centres, Government farms and Veterinary Disease Investigation Centres, anywhere in India near the students' residence keeping with the spirit of the MSVE regulations
- c. Students who had undertaken internship in a Veterinary College in one state but were held back due to COVID-19 pandemic in any other state, the University concerned may arrange for their remaining internship in clinical training, livestock production management training, poultry production and management, livestock technology & production for the period mentioned in the regulations in consultation with the Animal Husbandry Department / University of the state where the student is residing at present

- d. The interns who are provisionally registered with the State Veterinary Council of one state can work as an intern in another state provided the provisional registration is recognized both in the state of his present registration and the state of his actual internship. The State Governments /Universities/State Veterinary Councils in both states may facilitate recognition of the student's registration for internship between the two states. However, upon resolution of the COVID lock down, the students may complete their internships in their original state of registration, if such requirement remains
- e. For the requirement of internship training and provisional registration for a duration of six months with a maximum relaxation of two months, as well as for the interns who had undertaken internship but which was withheld due to COVID-19 pandemic, Universities concerned may treat period of lockdown as NIL, for the period withheld or period of lockdown, whichever is shorter
- f. In case of students who have completed their 9th semester but their internal theory and practical and annual final theory and practical exams are pending before commencement of their internship training, the universities may conduct such examinations in offline/online mode as per their regulations, scheme of examinations, observing the guidelines of social distancing and keeping in view the support system available with them and ensuring fair opportunity to all students
- g. For the above-mentioned students who are held up in other states, the veterinary/agricultural universities may arrange to conduct the leftover examinations on the request of the university concerned where the student was studying. However, students may be informed well in advance (at least two weeks) about conducting of examinations and other related activities. Internship may commence only after the declaration of results and provisional registration with the State Veterinary Council concerned
- h. The universities may conduct the *viva voce* examinations through Video Conferencing using Google, Skype, Microsoft Technologies or any other reliable and mutually convenient technology

With regards,

Yours sincerely,


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To

- a) ACS / Principal Secretary Animal Husbandry Department (all State /UT Governments)
b) Vice Chancellors of Veterinary Universities /Agricultural Universities having affiliated Veterinary Colleges
c) Registrar of all State Veterinary Councils (SVCs)

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