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All institutions approved by PCI for

- u/s 12 of the Pharmacy Act.
- conduct of course.

Sub: Use of Animals by establishments under the Medical Council of India (MCI)- Guidelines regarding.

Sir/Madam

With reference to the subject cited above, please find enclosed herewith a copy of letter No. 25/168/2009-AWD dt. 10.02.2011 received from Director (AW) & Member-Secretary, CPCSEA New Delhi, which is self explanatory for urgent necessary action at your end.

Yours faithfully

(ARCHNA MUDGAL)
Registrar-cum-Secretary

CC to

Director (AW) &
Member-Secretary CPCSEA,
Ministry of Environment & Forests,
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Dated: 10th February, 2011

To

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Registrar-cum-Secretary,
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Subject:- Use of Animals by establishments under the Medical Council of India (MCI) -
Guidelines regarding.
Sir,

The Committee for the Purpose of Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals (CPCSEA) has been constituted under the provisions of Section 15 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960. The CPCSEA functions within the ambit of the Act and the Rules for Breeding of and Experiments on Animals (Control & Supervision), 1998 as amended. The aim of the CPCSEA is to ensure humane and ethical use of animals, while facilitating legitimate scientific research involving experiments on animals. As per the extant rules it is mandatory that every establishment involved in breeding and experimentation should get registered with CPCSEA.

2. I quote below, for your ready reference, the relevant sections of the aforesaid Rules:

Rule 3: (a) No establishment shall carry on the business of breeding of animals or trade of animals for the purpose of experiments unless it is registered.

(b) Every breeder / establishment carrying on the business of breeding animals or trade of animals for the purpose of experiments, shall, apply for registration within sixty days from the date of commencement of these rules and, stop breeding of animals if registration is subsequently refused to it by the Committee.

Rule 4: (a) No establishment shall perform any experiments on animals unless it is registered.

(b) Every establishment performing experiments on animals, shall, apply for registration within sixty days from the date of commencement of these rules and stop performing experiments on animals.

Rule 14 empowers CPCSEA to direct closure of the animal house facility if the rules made by it are not complied with by the establishment or breeder.

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3. I am also directed to inform you that S. 19 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, empowers the CPCSEA to prohibit any person / institution from carrying on any experiments if it is satisfied that the rules made by it are not being adhered to. If the contravention of any directions or breach of conditions issued by the CPCSEA u/s 19 has taken place in any institution / establishment, then the person in charge of the institution / establishment shall be deemed to be guilty of the offence and punishable as per Section 20 of Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.

4. In addition to the above, you are also advised that persons / institutions guilty of the breach of these mandatory requirements, and functioning without the supervision or regulation envisaged by these Rules, shall additionally render themselves liable under the applicable provisions of the Indian Penal Code, including but not limited to Section 428 and 429 of the said enactment.

5. In view of the above, kindly direct the establishments / colleges / institutions units registered with the Pharmacy Council of India (PCI), to register them with the CPCSEA, so that inspection of the establishments carrying out experiments on animals can be conducted, and they can be subject to the supervision and regulation that the law of the land deems imperative.

7. Kindly keep us informed of the steps you take in this regard.

Yours faithfully,


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