Department of Agriculture

National Directorate Animal Health

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TO: STATE VETERINARY OFFICERS

SUBJECT: Standards for the registration of a veterinary approved quarantine facility for wild caught non-human primates

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PART I

EFINITIONS

FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS STANDARD DOCUMENT

Authorised person	means any person authorised to exercise or perform any power or duty, or requested to render any service, by the Controlling Authority.
Approved Quarantine facility for wild caught non-human primates	Means a facility under the control of the controlling authority where wild caught non-human primates are maintained in isolation, with no direct or indirect contact with other animals, in order to undergo observation, testing and treatment for a specified length of time.
Controlling Authority	means the authority which is directly responsible for the application of animal health measures.
Manager	in relation to a facility includes any person for the time being responsible for the management of the facility.
Official veterinary control	means that the Controlling Authority knows the location of the animals and the identity of their owner or responsible keeper and is able to apply appropriate animal health measures, as required
Owner	means the person to whom the ownership in respect of animal, thing or property is vested.
State Veterinarian	A veterinarian authorised by the Controlling Authority to perform animal health inspections.
State official	An officer authorised by the Controlling Authority to perform animal health inspections.

Note: The definitions used in the South African Animal Diseases Act (No 35 of 1984) should be used in case of uncertainty.

PART II

REGISTRATION OF A VETERINARY APPROVED QUARANTINE FACILITY FOR WILD CAUGHT NON-HUMAN PRIMATES.

1. REGISTRATION FOR IMPORT STATUS

The applicant must apply in writing to the Controlling Authority, if he wishes to register for a veterinary approved quarantine facility for wild caught non-human primates.

A plan, indicating surrounding structures, neighbouring activities and a detailed plan of the facility must accompany the application, - Annex A, for approval. These plans must be endorsed by the controlling authority to confirm the existence of structures.

A descriptive report about the management of the facility must also be supplied by the controlling authority.

The site must be suitably isolated from any other primates

The controlling authority must be able to apply official veterinary control in the area.

The below listed documents must be presented to the Senior Manager Animal Health on application for registration:

- Annex A Application form.
- Local authority permission.
- Site and detailed structural plans.
- A plan, indicating surrounding structures, neighbouring activities.
- Annex B Inspection Report completed by the Controlling Authority or inspector from the National Department of Agriculture Directorate of Animal Health.
- Annex C Written undertaking from the Controlling Authority that they are able to supply the necessary inspection services.
- Annex D Agreement with private practitioner.
- Annex E Quarantine facility for wild caught non-human primate's agreement.

Note that registration is valid for one year only in order to prevent dilapidation, and only an Inspection Report need to be submitted, unless there were structural changes then a new plan must be submitted.

In conclusion it must be stated that the approval of the facility can be withdrawn at any time without warning, at the discretion of the Senior Manager Animal Health, if any shortcomings are detected.

2. MINIMUM STRUCTURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR A VETERINARY APPROVED QUARANTINE FACILITY FOR WILD CAUGHT NON-HUMAN PRIMATES

- 2.1. The site and location where the facility will be situated must be approved by the National Department of Agriculture, Directorate Animal Health, Sub-directorate Import/Export Policy Unit and the local State Veterinarian, before building commences. This approval is subject to municipal approval in residential areas.
- 2.2. The site must be suitably isolated from primates. The controlling authority must be able to apply official veterinary control in the area.
- 2.3. A plan, indicating surrounding structures, neighbouring activities and a detailed plan of the facility, must accompany the application, Annex A, for approval. These plans must be endorsed by the controlling authority to confirm the existence of structures.
- 2.4. The facility must consist of an inner holding area, surrounded by an animal free zone and fenced in by an outer fence. ("A box within a box.) These two fences should be at least 10 metres apart which will form the inner and perimeter fences and electrified to prevent escape or introduction of any animals.
- 2.5. The inner quarantine area should be sized according to the number, age and type of non-human primates to be quarantined (Bigger non-human primates e.g. chimps should have stronger durable cages). It could also be a combination of various rooms, suited to the number of non-human primates to be quarantined at a time, which must be handled on an all-in-all-out system. A separate vector protected reception area, for the first 10 days after arrival in South Africa, should be included.
- 2.6. The inner complex must be constructed to present an environment which can be easily disinfected and from where pathogens cannot readily escape. This means:
 - elimination of dead spaces, especially open ceiling/ underfloor crawl spaces.
 - landscaping and construction of drainage to prevent unnecessary pooling of water.
 - effective solid waste storage structures.
 - effective covered drainage for removal of liquid waste.
- 2.7. The cages must be constructed so that all surfaces inside are of an impervious, smooth material to facilitate cleaning and disinfection.
- 2.8. Hand washing must be provided within the inner complex.
- 2.9. The animal free zone between the two fences will be devegetated (including trees.)
- 2.10. The fences need to be approved by the Director of Animal Health.
- 2.11. Only one gate will be allowed as the entrance to the facility and must be big enough to allow the vehicle conveying the animals, to enter.

- 2.12. Loading and vehicle disinfection facilities must be provided on the edge of the inner complex.
- 2.13. This outer gate must be permanently manned or locked and the entrance to the inner camp must be kept locked at all times when animals are in quarantine.
- 2.14. Only authorised persons (officially authorised by the State Veterinarian) may enter the premises. No visitors are allowed.
- 2.15. A foot-bath must be supplied at the inside of the gate of the inner fence, for the disinfecting of boots and MUST be used whenever someone moves in or out of the facility.
- 2.16. Rooms for equipment must be supplied on the inside of the gate of the inner fence for boots, clothing and other utensils, together with modern housing and showering facilities for the permanent, dedicated staff.
- 2.17. All handling facilities must be built within the quarantine facility and must not be outside the inner fence.
- 2.18. Sufficient water supply must be available inside the inner holding area.
- 2.19. Draining of water (washing and rain) must be contained on the inside of the quarantine facility and must be disposed in an approved way, e.g. municipal sewerage system.
- 2.20. All offal, manure, urine and other- excreta should remain within the quarantine area and will be disposed of as determined by the State Veterinarian after quarantine has been completed.
- 2.21. Enough food must be kept in the animal free zone to minimise movement in and out the facility. This should be enough for the animals for the duration of the quarantine period. Adequate storage facilities should be provided. Arrangements for the delivery of fresh produce must be made with, and done under the supervision of, the State Veterinarian.
- 2.22. Satisfactory, modern housing arrangements for the staff caring for the animals in quarantine, inside the inner fence, with adequate washing, cooking and entertainment facilities.
- Satisfactory, modern housing arrangements for the supervisor of whom the bona fides must be approved by the Director of Animal Health. Discussions before the commencement of quarantine between officials (of the National Department of Agriculture, Director Animal Health, Sub-directorate Import/Export Policy Unit and of the Provincial Veterinary Services) and this individual are necessary.
- 2.24. Sign boards must be put up on the outside of the gate and on the perimeter fence, stipulating: "QUARANTINE AREA. NO ENTRY".

3. MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS FOR A VETERINARY APPROVED QUARANTINE FACILITY FOR WILD CAUGHT NON-HUMAN PRIMATES

- 1. Good co-operation and communication with the State Official.
- 2. The people allocated to care for the animals during quarantine shall not be exposed to or come into contact with other animals or agricultural products outside the quarantine camp. Their only task will be care of the animals during the whole period of quarantine.
- 3. Continuous telephone contact must be available.
- 4. Before entry and after discharge of the animals the quarantine area and equipment shall be cleaned and disinfected to the satisfaction of the State Veterinarian, with an approved disinfectant e.g. Vircon.
- 5. Before and after each quarantine period the State Veterinarian will inspect and re-approve the facility. His approval will be indicated on the application to import. Animals may not arrive at the quarantine station during weekends or public holidays, unless otherwise arranged with the concerned State Veterinarian, at least 14 days in advance.
- 6. All animals in quarantine must be individually electronically tagged to be easily recognisable.
- 7. If any abnormalities or symptoms are observed in any of the animals, the State Veterinarian must immediately be notified. Any diseased or dead animals may only be disposed of as directed by the State Veterinarian and may not leave the quarantine area without his/her written permission (all laboratory specimens included).
- 8. Accurate records must be kept and maintained in registers; and made available to the State Veterinarian or his authorised representative when required.
- 9. The guarantine system will be an all-in all-out system.
- 10. For 6 months post-importation the State Veterinarian must be contacted immediately in the ease of any signs of disease.
- 11. The Director of Animal Health reserves the right to:
 - 11.1 amend these conditions and/or
 - 11.2 cancel the approval for quarantining of non-human primates on private property, if for any reason he/she deems it necessary to do so.
- 12. Quarantine will only be lifted (after a minimum period of 40 days) once all tests proved negative, subject to written approval by the concerned State Veterinarian.
- 13. A private veterinarian must be appointed by the importer, for the duration of quarantine.
- 14. The following testing protocol must be carried out by the private veterinarian, under the direct supervision of the concerned State Veterinarian.

Within 24 hours after arrival the non-human primates must be treated for internal and external parasites with a veterinary approved remedy.

On day 28 after arrival, serum samples must be collected and send to Professor Bob Swanepoel at the NVI, to test for:

- 14.1. Simian AIDS,
- 14.2. Ebola-virus,
- 14.3. Marburg-virus,
- 14.4. Yellow fever-virus (in the case of animals not vaccinated before export to South Africa).
- 15. It is strongly advised that the importer do tests for Tuberculosis on his own initiative.
- 16. It is strongly advised that the importer do inoculate the animals against rabies.
- 17. No vaccination shall be given without the written permission of the Director of Animal Health.
- 18. Water must be of a satisfactory potable status.
- 19. Complete records relating to inspection visits, identification, arrival dates, mortality, disease diagnosis, treatment, etc. should be maintained and readily available for inspection.
- 20. Hygienic standards of premises and equipment are to be maintained at all times.
- 21. Only chemicals approved by the Senior Manager Animal Health can be used.
- 22. A notice must be prominently displayed on all exits and entrances to the facility stating: "Quarantine Area. No unauthorised entry allowed."
- 23. The facility must be re-approved on an annual basis and the onus of application for re-approval rests with the owner of facility.

In conclusion it must be stated that the approval of the facility can be withdrawn at any time without warning, at the discretion of the Senior Manager Animal Health, if any shortcomings are detected.

4. INSPECTION TO APPROVE A VETERINARY APPROVED QUARANTINE FACILITY FOR WILD CAUGHT NON-HUMAN PRIMATES

- 4.1 A state official will be appointed by the Controlling Authority to inspect the quarantine facility for wild caught non-human primates.
- 4.2 The owner of the quarantine facility for wild caught non-human primates and the state official as appointed in 4.1 will agree upon a suitable date for the inspection. The state official will inform the owner of the quarantine facility for wild caught non-human primates of the conditions under which the inspection will be carried out.
- 4.3 The basis for import approval will be the requirement as described in this document.
- 4.4 The state official appointed by the Controlling Authority will be responsible for the following actions/procedures:
 - a. Acquaint himself/herself with the minimum requirement (2) for a veterinary approved quarantine facility for wild caught non-human primates.
 - b. Provide a new applicant with an application form that corresponds in form and content to the model in Annex A.
 - c. Inspect the quarantine facility for wild caught non-human primates and complete Annex B with appropriate comments, upon receipt of the properly completed and signed application form.
 - d. If the facility does not comply with the requirements in 4.4.a. the state official must provide the owner of a facility with a detailed report with the reasons why a facility cannot be approved. The report must correspond in form and content to the model in Annex B.
 - e. Arrange for another inspection when the owner indicates that all the deficiencies had been rectified.
 - f. Provide an acceptable inspection service to the quarantine facility for wild caught non-human primates. Approval will only be considered once such a service is in place.
 - g. Keep the original application document on file.
 - h. Submit a copy of the application and all supporting documents to the Senior Manager Animal Health for attention Amanda Steyn. The fax number is 012 3197491.
 - i. Inspect approved quarantine facility for wild caught non-human primates as described in this document.

PART III

LISTING OF VETERINARY APPROVED QUARANTINE FACILITY FOR WILD CAUGHT NON-HUMAN PRIMATES

- 1. All veterinary approved quarantine facility for wild caught non-human primates must be listed in an official "List of Approved Veterinary Facilities" to be compiled and regularly up-dated by the Controlling Authority with a copy to the Senior Manager Animal Health.
- 2. The list must contain the following information for each veterinary approved quarantine facility for wild caught non-human primates.
 - a. Registration number
 - b. Name of owner
 - c. Registered name of veterinary approved quarantine facility for wild caught nonhuman primates.
 - d. Postal address
 - e. Telephone number
 - f. Fax number
 - g. Province
 - h. District
 - i. Map co-ordinates
 - j. Name and contact details of responsible veterinarian.
- 3. The list will only be made available upon request to interested parties or persons.

ANNEX A (VPN/2003/01)

(Logo of Controlling Authority)

APPLICATION FOR IMPORT/EXPORT APPROVAL:

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Drawings of the establishment and a comprehensiv *I agree to abide by all the conditions set by the De of animals/animal products obtained from this facilit and/or	the facility mentioned in the preceding pages hereby declare that: re inspection report are attached to this application; and repartment of Agriculture and importing countries for the export repartment of Agriculture for the importation of animals/animal	
Signed at (place)	on, (date)	
Otania	(signature of official veterinarian)	
Stamp	(name in capital letters, title and qualification)	
* Delete when/if not appropriate		

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ANNEX B

INSPECTION REPORT FOR A VETERINARY APPROVED QUARANTINE FACILITY FOR WILD CAUGHT NON-HUMAN PRIMATES

1.	The controlling authority and at the facility.	y must be able to a	pply official veterinary	control in the area
	Yes		No	
2.	The site and location m plan, indicating surroun the application for appr State Veterinarian or a (These plans must be structures)	nding structures an coval, as well as this n inspector from th	d neighbouring activitions form completed by endeath of the National Departmen	es must accompany ither the Provincial t of Agriculture.
	Yes		No	
3.	A detailed plan of the fa endorsed by a state off			
	Yes		No	
4.	The site must be suitab	ly isolated from any	y other non-human pri	mates.
	Comments:			
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5.	A descriptive report abo	out the managemer	nt of the facility must a	lso be supplied.
	Yes		No	
6.	Where the facility is sub municipal authority mus		egulations, proof of ap	proval by the
	Yes		No	Not applicable

7.	and fe	enced in by an o st 10 metres ap	sist of an inner holding area, surrounded by an animouter fence. ("A box within a box.) These two fences art which will form the inner and perimeter fences a escape or introduction of any animals.	s should be
	Descr	ibe:		
8.	non-h rooms which	uman primates s, suited to the r must be handle	area should be sized according to the number, age to be quarantined. It could also be a combination on the combination of the combination of the combination of the combination of the combined age on an all-in-all-out system. A separate vector properties to days after arrival in South Africa, should be	f various at a time, otected
	Descr	ibe:		
9.			ust be constructed to present an environment which from where pathogens cannot readily escape.	ı can be
	Descr	ibe:		
	9.1.	Elimination of	dead spaces, especially open ceiling/ underfloor cr	awl spaces.
		Describe:		

	9.2.	Landscaping and construction of drainage to prevent unnecessary water.	pooling of
		Describe:	
	9.3.	Effective solid waste storage structures.	
		Describe:	
	9.4.	Effective covered drainage for removal of liquid waste.	
		Describe:	
0.		cages must be constructed so that all surfaces inside are of an imper oth material to facilitate cleaning and disinfection.	rvious,
	Descr	ribe:	
1.	Hand	I washing must be provided within the inner complex.	
	Descr	ribe:	

12.	The animal free zone	between the two fences will be devegetated (including trees.)
	Describe:	
13.		allowed as the entrance to the facility and must be big enough onveying the animals, to enter.
	Describe:	
14.	Loading and vehicle d	isinfection facilities must be provided on the edge of the inner
	Describe:	
15.		be permanently manned or locked and the entrance to the inner scked at all times when animals are in quarantine.
	Describe:	
16.	Only authorised perso	ons (officially authorised by the State Veterinarian) may enter tors are allowed.
	Describe:	

17.		ipplied at the inside of the gate of the inner fence, for the nd MUST be used whenever someone moves in or out of the
	Describe:	
18.		must be supplied on the inside of the gate of the inner fence for her utensils, together with modern housing and showering
19.	All handling facilities routside the inner fendo Describe:	nust be built within the quarantine facility and must not be e.
20.	Sufficient portable was Describe:	er supply must be available inside the inner holding area.
21.		shing and rain) must be contained on the inside of the must be disposed in an approved way. e.g. municipal

22.		e and other- excreta should remain within the quarantine area of as determined by the State Veterinarian after quarantine has
	Describe:	
23.	the facility. This shou	kept in the animal free zone to minimise movement in and out do be enough for the animals for the duration of the quarantine rage facilities should be provided.
	Describe:	
24.	Arrangements for the the supervision of, the Comment:	delivery of fresh produce must be made with, and done under e State Veterinarian.
25.	to or come into conta	to care for the animals during quarantine shall not be exposed ct with other animals or agricultural products outside the eir only task will be care of the animals during the whole period
	Describe:	

26.		housing arrangements for the staff caring for the animals in e inner fence, with adequate washing, cooking and es.
	Describe:	
27.	fides must be approv commencement of qu Agriculture, Director	housing arrangements for the supervisor of whom the bona ed by the Director of Animal Health. Discussions before the uarantine between officials (of the National Department of Animal Health, Sub-directorate Import/Export Control Policy Unit Veterinary Services) and this individual are necessary.
	Comment:	
28.	Sign boards must be stipulating: "QUARAN	put up on the outside of the gate and on the perimeter fence, NTINE AREA. NO ENTRY".
	Yes	No
29.	Continuous telephone	e contact must be available.
	Comment:	
30.		r discharge of the animals the quarantine area and equipment disinfected to the satisfaction of the State Veterinarian, with an te.g. Vircon.
	Comment:	

31.	All animals in quarantine must be individually electronically tagged to be ear recognisable.	asily
	Comment:	
32.	Accurate records must be kept and maintained in registers; and made avaithe State Veterinarian or his authorised representative when required.	ilable to
	Comment:	
33.	The quarantine system will be an all-in all-out system. Comment:	
34.	A private veterinarian must be appointed by-the importer, for the duration of quarantine.	of
	Comment:	
35.	Complete records relating to inspection visits, identification, arrival dates, r disease diagnosis, treatment, etc. should be maintained and readily availa inspection.	nortality Ible for
	Comment:	

36.	Hygiei	nic standards	or premises and	equipment are	e to be maintained at all tin	ies.
	Comm	nent:				
37.	Only o	chemicals appi	roved by the Sen	ior Manager A	Animal Health can be used	
	List of	chemicals us	ed:			
38.			ned that the facilit or re-approval res		approved on an annual ba	sis. The
	Yes		No			
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			(Dep	oartment)		
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ANNEXURE C

I,		
	(Name)	
of		
	(Department)	
Hereby certif	ify that the necessary veterinary control wi	ll be provided at
	(Name of facility)	
at	(Name of facility)	
al	(Physical Address)	
and are acqu primates.	uainted with the veterinary procedural not	ce for wild caught non-human
	al Signature	
Designation:	:	
		Official stamp
Name:		
Address:		
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Tel No:		

ANNEXURE D

AGREEMENT UNDERTAKEN BY A PRIVATE VETERINARIAN MONITORING WILD CAUGHT NON-HUMAN PRIMATES IN A PRIVATE QUARANTINE STATION.

The undersigned veterinarian, registered with the South African Veterinary Council, undertakes the functions listed below at:

- 1. Acquaint and apply the veterinary procedural notice for wild caught non-human primates.
- 2. Co-operate with the state officials.
- 3. Weekly inspections of the quarantine facility must be undertaken to ensure all quarantine measures are strictly applied. These inspections and comments will be recorded in the register.
- 4. Within 24 hours after arrival the non-human primates must be treated for internal and external parasites with a veterinary approved remedy.
- 5. All wild caught non-human primates must be subjected to the following tests on the 28 day after arrival at the private quarantine station, with negative results:
 - 5.1. Simian AIDS,
 - 5.2. Ebola-virus.
 - 5.3. Marburg-virus,
 - 5.4. Yellow fever-virus (in the case of animals not vaccinated before export to South Africa).
- 6. Blood samples will be collected, sealed and sent to Professor Bob Swanepoel at the NVI under official supervision. Results must be reported to the State Veterinarian in charge of the facility.
- 7. Inform the owner of the facility regarding the risk associated with rabies and Tuberculosis and recommend vaccination for rabies and testing for Tuberculosis in the imported primates
- 8. All illness and death must be investigated, recorded in the register and immediately reported to the State Veterinarian in charge of the facility.
- 9. No animal may be removed from the Quarantine premises without written permission from the State Veterinarian in charge of the facility.
- 10. There must be no contact with other primates outside the premises for 48 hours after contact with primates in quarantine.

I	, the	undersigned	veterinarian	hereby	accept	duties	and	undertake	to fulfil	I them	to	the	best
C	of my	ability.											

Signature at	on	

VETERINARIAN	STAMP
Name in print:	
Address:	
Tel No:	
Cell No:	
Foy No.	

ANNEXURE E

QUARANTINE FACILITY FOR WILD CAUGHT NON-HUMAN PRIMATES AGREEMENT

Farm name	District
Owner:	Manager:
Address:	Address:
Tel:	Tel:
I, to comply with the control measures	, the person responsible for this holding, undertakes as follows:
 (v) Internal and external particles (vi) date of samples taken, receivily date of departure to when the state of departure to when the state of departure to when the state of department and display the state of the st	wner, arantine, at the quarantine facility, rasite treatment date, results and by whom, ere with reference number of release certificate. colay warning signs to the satisfaction of the State terinarian of any suspected diseases and deaths. rian to inspect the facility to ascertain standards of on (registers). w the registration culture and the Directorate of Animal Health and any of its age however caused as a result of keeping, handling, undergoing quarantine. e advent of a primate being found to be infected with an yed at my expense forfeiting any compensation by, or
Signed:	Designation:
Print Name:	Date:
Registration Will be for one year only	on is not transferable

Official stamp: