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## OFFICE OF THE CHAIRPERSON

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### MEMORANDUM

TO : SAVLSF  
DAFF-Approved Laboratories

FROM : SAVLSF Chairperson

DATE : 14 January 2011

**SUBJECT : SADC HARMONIZED SOP FOR AI HA/HI (VERSION 2.0) AND THE USE OF 2 ANTIGENS**

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Some queries were received with regard to the use of 2 antigens.

This memo serves to clarify the correct interpretation of the relevant sections of the abovementioned SOP: Section 7 (7.1) bullet one and Section 11.

1. The use of 2 antigens shall mean:
  - a. H5N<sub>a</sub> and H5N<sub>b</sub> / H7N<sub>a</sub> and H7N<sub>b</sub> at the same time (i.e. a total of 4 antigens if testing sera for antibodies against both H5 and H7), or
  - b. 1 antigen (H5N<sub>a</sub> / H7N<sub>a</sub>) with subsequent testing (**compulsory**) of sera found positive on H5 / H7 with a second antigen H5N<sub>b</sub> / H7N<sub>b</sub>
  
2. The SOP has not been amended

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Dr. Joule Kangumba', written over a horizontal line.

**Dr. Joule Kangumba**  
Chairperson: SAVLSF