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**No. S 472**

**ANIMALS AND BIRDS ACT 1965**

**ANIMALS AND BIRDS  
(CARE AND USE OF ANIMALS FOR  
SCIENTIFIC PURPOSES) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2022**

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 80 of the Animals and Birds Act 1965, the Minister for National Development makes the following Rules:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Rules are the Animals and Birds (Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes) (Amendment) Rules 2022 and come into operation on 10 June 2022.

**Amendment of rule 2**

2. Rule 2(1) of the Animals and Birds (Care and Use of Animals for Scientific Purposes) Rules (R 10) (called in these Rules the principal Rules) is amended —

(a) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “attending veterinarian”, the following definition:

““designated member of the committee” means a designated member of an institutional animal care and use committee;”;

(b) by inserting, immediately after the definition of “proposal”, the following definition:

““proposal assigned for DMR” means any proposal that is assigned by an institutional animal care and use committee to be reviewed by designated members of the committee;”.

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**Amendment of rule 8**

3. Rule 8(1) of the principal Rules is amended by deleting the words “6 months” in sub-paragraph (a) and substituting the words “12 months”.

**Amendment of rule 10**

4. Rule 10 of the principal Rules is amended —

(a) by deleting paragraph (1) and substituting the following paragraph:

“(1) A person must not use any animal for any scientific purpose before written approval for a project relating to such use is granted by an institutional animal care and use committee in accordance with paragraph (3) or (3C), as the case may be.”; and

(b) by deleting paragraph (3) and substituting the following paragraphs:

“(3) An institutional animal care and use committee may approve a project relating to any proposal (not being a proposal assigned for DMR) —

(a) after the proposal is reviewed at a meeting of the committee convened in accordance with the guidelines; and

(b) by a vote of a majority of the quorum at that meeting.

(3A) An institutional animal care and use committee must develop a policy on the types of proposals that may be reviewed by designated members of the committee having regard to the following:

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- (a) a review by a meeting of the committee in accordance with paragraph (3) is the preferred method of review;
  - (b) the types of proposals assigned for DMR include, but are not limited to, proposals relating to —
    - (i) projects using small numbers of animals with procedures not expected to result in pain or distress caused to the animals;
    - (ii) projects using only non-survival surgery; and
    - (iii) projects involving only euthanasia for tissue harvest.

(3B) An institutional animal care and use committee may assign a proposal to be reviewed by designated members of the committee if —

- (a) the proposal is first given to the committee for consideration; and
- (b) the committee decides unanimously that the proposal is to be a proposal assigned for DMR.

(3C) Any approval granted by an institutional animal care and use committee for a project relating to a proposal assigned for DMR is valid if the approval has been granted —

- (a) after the designated members of the committee have reviewed the proposal; and
- (b) by the unanimous decision of the designated members of the committee.

(3D) If a project relating to a proposal assigned for DMR is not approved in accordance with paragraph (3C), the proposal —

- (a) must subsequently be reviewed at a meeting of the institutional animal care and use committee convened in accordance with the guidelines; and
- (b) may be approved by the vote of a majority of the quorum at that meeting.”.

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