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STATEMENT FROM KENYA VETERINARY BOARD TO ALL ITS PRACTITIONERS

Pursuant to Section 13 (1) of the Veterinary Surgeons and Veterinary Paraprofessionals (VSVP) Act, ***“no person shall practice as a veterinary surgeon or a veterinary paraprofessional or take up employment whether directly or indirectly unless he is registered and licensed”*** under this Act. Section 26 further states that ***“this license is to be taken annually by all veterinary surgeons and veterinary paraprofessionals in the form set out in the Fourth schedule before engaging in private practice”***.

In addition, and in accordance to Section 20 (3) of the (VSVP) Act ***“any person whose name does not appear in the relevant register after the period specified under subsection 20 (1) shall be deemed not to be registered under this Act.”*** For avoidance of doubt, this refers to the 2024 Practitioners registers.

Following the **Government notice issued on 6th March 2024 titled “Notification of Government action on eradication of illicit brews, drug and substance abuse”** on the mitigation against the trade, consumption and abuse of illicit narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, the Board wishes to inform all its registered practitioners that:

1. All Veterinary service delivery facilities licensed under the VSVP Act, are required to submit their licenses to the Board for verification **within 30 days**, failure to which they shall be deemed unlicensed for closure.
2. All registered and licensed veterinary surgeons dispensing prescription drugs without a prescription shall have contravened provisions of the VSVP Act and its attendant Regulations (VSVP Regulations 2013, VMD regulations 2015 and the Code of Ethics) and will be deregistered.

Take note and act expeditiously.


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Registrar

