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# UPDATE ON COMPULSORY COMMUNITY SERVICE (CCS) REGULATIONS

- ❑ Veterinary and Paraveterinary Amendment Act; 2012 (Act 16 of 2012).
- ❑ The Regulations for CCS were drafted & *gazetted* during 2013. Stakeholders were also consulted and workshops were held with students at the University of Pretoria (Onderstepoort).
- ❑ Main challenge in finalizing the CCS Regulations:
  - ❖ Section 20A(1) of the Act mandates that **ANY PERSON** registering for the 1<sup>st</sup> time for Veterinary and Paraveterinary Profession must perform CCS **from commencement of the Act**
  - ❖ “**commencement**”: when the regulations are approved.
- ❑ DAFF’s intention: “a phased-in approach”
  - ❖ start with veterinarians and proceed to the Paraveterinary professionals (Animal Health Technicians, Vet. Nurses, etc) in later years.



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- ☐ Section 20A (3) provides for the Minister (in consultation with the Council) to prescribe the circumstances under which persons may be exempted from CCS.
- ☐ DAFF, the South African Veterinary Council & State Law Advisors who drafted the principal Act met on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2015 to explore the implications of utilising Section 20A(3) of the new Act as a method of averting the legal shortcomings (not allowing a phased-in approach) without amending the principal Act.
- ☐ Following the meeting of the 30<sup>th</sup> of January 2015, the State Law Advisors opted to re-look at both the proposed regulations and the implications Section 20A(3) with regard to exemptions.
- ☐ Feedback of 20<sup>th</sup> February 2015 on the interpretation of section 20A(3)
- ☐ DAFF's Legal Services together with the technical directorate concerned are still reviewing the latest legal opinion regarding the pertaining to exemptions of paravets.

