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REGISTRATION OF VETERINARIANS AND VETERINARY PARA-PROFESSIONALS

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Preamble



- Benefit from United Kingdom (UK) Technical Assistance of the Overseas Development Agency (ODA).
- Technical Cooperation Programme with the Republic of South Africa.

- Legislative framework relating to the control of animal disease.

 Membership of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons (MRCVS) of Great
 Britain, inclusive of Veterinary qualification recognized by that institution as
 equal to its own.
- Constant review and update. For instance, the section of the law referred to underwent no less than four (4) amendments, published in Legal Notices, in the period 1960-1969. The last Legal Notice 25/1969 was for the recognition of "...possessor of a Bachelor of Veterinary Science Degree of the University of East Africa."
- Open market recruitment of Veterinarians. System of case by case regulation increasingly became inadequate; underscored gap for statutory body.

Para-Veterinary

- Animal Health Technicians training course; since 1950's.
- Direct responsibility of the Veterinary Services; throughput exclusively absorbed in the National Veterinary Services.
- Operationally under Veterinarians.
- Have not been subject to any formal Registration/Recognition procedures.

Legislative Framework



The Animal Disease Act 7/1965

- Provides for the prevention of disease amongst animals and other incidental or connected matters.
- Connected interest.

 Relates to the subject in the terms of a requirement for the specification of qualifications for 'recognition' of Veterinary Surgeon; and the designation of 'official'; in the context of the Stock Diseases Regulations, 1933 under the Act.

 The Veterinary Surgeons Act 8 /1997

- Provides for the establishment of a Veterinary Council of Swaziland (VCS), the registration and control of Veterinary Surgeons as well as matters related there to.
- Direct relevance to Registration of Veterinarians in the broader sense, inclusive of jurisdiction over matters of professional misconduct. Publication of list of names and qualifications of all Veterinary Surgeons on Register in Legal Notice.
- Categories and definition of permissible Veterinary acts and practices

Veterinary Statutory Body



Regulatory function is vested upon the Veterinary Council of Swaziland (VCS) in terms of the Veterinary Surgeons Act 8, 1997.

Council composition:

Director of Veterinary Services

- Undiffusion...

Four Veterinary Surgeons
- elected by the Swaziland Veterinary
Association (SVA).

- nominated by the Minister

Registrar designated public officer and Secretary to the Council. Council term of office three years; present Council by Legal Notice No. 139 of 2007.

Status of Registration



Eligibility for Registration

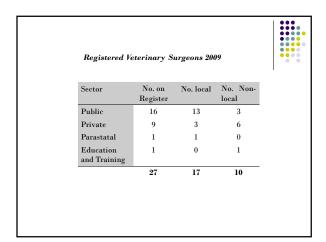
Certificates of character.

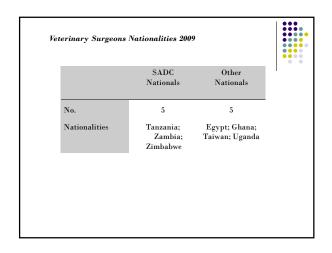
Residence ordinarily within the country. Professional qualification prescribed in

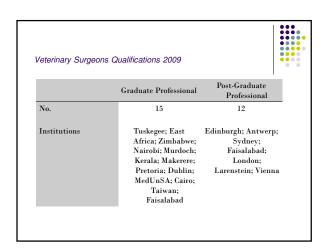
Act.

Registration fee.

Annual registration retention fee.







Conclusion



- National Veterinary Services has since been internalized at the Veterinary professional level
- Post graduate professional specialized Education and Training much slower than desired
- Quality control Audit / Evaluation mechanisms

Conclusion cont'd



- Incorporation of regular Audits / Evaluations as part of the business cycle of the statutory body – OIE PVS.
- VCS has been received with overwhelming acceptance and support of the Veterinary fraternity

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