## THE UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG Committee on the Use of Live Animals in Teaching and Research

To: All Heads/Directors of Departments/Schools

Deans, Faculties of Dentistry, Education and Science

All Principal Investigators of CULATR-approved projects

## **Revised CULATR Application Form**

At the CULATR meeting held on March 27, 2012, the Committee discussed the need to strengthen the monitoring of use of hazardous materials in animal experiments by Principal Investigators(PIs) in order to keep practices of the University in line with international standards. It was agreed that Section 11(k) on "Hazards/Hazardous Substances and Safety Measures" of the application form be revised and the following procedures be adopted:

PIs are required to fill in the revised version of Section 11(k)[i] of the application form. If any of the boxes are ticked in Section 11k[i], please send the Safety Office (safety@hku.hk) or the Biological Safety Officer (mmackett@hku.hk) the completed CULATR application form for comment. The comments and completed CULATR application form can then be submitted together to the CULATR Committee for approval.

Please note that the revised form will take <u>immediate effect</u> and can be downloaded from <a href="http://www.med.hku.hk/04research\_animal.htm">http://www.med.hku.hk/04research\_animal.htm</a>. Protocol applications prepared using old forms will <a href="note">note</a> be accepted by the Secretariat.

Please feel free to contact the undersigned at 2819 9312 / <u>culatr@hkucc.hku.hk</u> for enquiries about animal ethics applications.

Thank you for your attention.

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for Secretary Committee on the Use of Live Animals in Teaching and Research