GUIDELINE FOR MANAGEMENT OF CONTROL DRUGS

1. Rational:

The procurement and usage of veterinary drugs in the field have increased over the years and it is set to increase further with upcoming commercial farms. Though, under the Essential Veterinary Drug Program, monitoring and evaluation on the usage, prescription and standard treatment guidelines are done on a regular basis by the regional and Dzongkhag focal persons. However, there was no set of guidelines on control drug usage, transportation and management. Given the potential for dependence or abuse and its known adverse effect, control drug compounds pose risk to public health and society at large. Thus, to provide persons dealing with control drugs and guide them, guidelines on Management, Transportation and usage of control drugs are developed.

2. Purpose:

The document shall be used as guidance and describes the procedures on the usage, management and transportation of control drugs in the country.

3. Scope

The scope of this guideline is limited to control drug management, transportation and its usage which is applicable to all veterinarians and para-veterinarians and people dealing with the control drugs.

4. List of Controlled Drugs

Following is the list of control drugs in our EVDL:

- ***Sedatives/Tranquilizer***
  Ketamine inj.
- ***Non-patent/chemical drugs***
  Potassium permanganate (crystal)
- ***Anti-convulsant drugs***
  Diazepam inj
- Phenobarbitone sodium
- ***Wildlife (specific)***
  Etorphine hydrochloride

5. Supply and Distribution:

At the time of requisition of Controlled Drugs by the agencies, the agencies should indicate clearly the purpose and its usage. Upon receipt of the requisition, DVEU should screen and scrutinize the indent list. After finalizing the CD list, DVEU shall issue approval order in the name of concern institute/offices.

6. Transportation

At the time of transporting the control drugs from LCS to field offices or agencies, LCS should ensure proper documentation along with the consignment. The documentation should include following details (See annexure 1)

7. Storage

Once the consignment reaches concern offices/center; the competent authority directly dealing with it should ensure that the control drugs are always stored under lock and key as per the standard requirement with proper labeling.

8. Recording

The use of CD shall be recorded as per the CD form prescribed by Drug regulatory authority (DRA) of Bhutan. The physical stock in the medicine store must tally with the medicine stock ledger and CD usage form (DRA_CD Requirement form). The usage of control drugs should be recorded after every use as per its presentation (tab/powder/suspension) instead of vials/sachet.

9. Disposal

The expired control drugs should be disposed of with proper documentation and write-off signed by a competent authority. The expired control drugs should be stored after proper packing and with detail indent until a disposal notice arrives from DVEU.

10. Monitoring and Evaluation:

Management and usage of control drugs will be monitored by the EVDP focal person bi-annually during scheduled EVDP monitoring. The focal person should provide findings with a corrective course of action to minimize misuse and abuse thereof.

Annexure 1: Control Drugs Shipment Form

Ref No:
Date:

Detail of Consignment receiver:

Name and Designation……

Contact Number……..

Address……..

Detail of shipping items

Sl. no	Name of drugs	Batch number	Presentation	Quantity	Number of Packages	Shipment Route
1						
2						
3						

Detail of person carrying the controlled substance

Name of driver/Officer and identification number (License/ CID)

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Vehicle type and number……

Detail of issuing Authority

Dated signature of Issuing Officer OFFICE SEAL

Name:

Designation

Name of the Medicine:
Dosage from and Strength:

Date	Received from	Total quantity	Batch no.	Mfg.date	Exp.date	Registration number	Patient name	Age/sex	Prescribed by	Dosage prescribed	Total dispensed	Dispensed by	Balance