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MEMORANDUM

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TO : MR C.M CHUNDA
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FROM : MS M.Z XABA
CHAIRPERSON: BID ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE

SUBJECT : REQUEST FOR VETERINARY SERVICES TO PROCURE FROM SOLE SUPPLIERS, PROVIDERS, MANUFACTURERS AND DISTRIBUTORS DURING THE 2026/2027 FINANCIAL YEAR

1. PURPOSE

To request approval from the Accounting Officer to deviate from the normal Supply Chain Management procurement processes in terms of Treasury Regulation 16A6.4, to procure from sole manufacturers, sole suppliers, authorised distributors, statutory bodies, and accredited service providers for the provision of specialised veterinary equipment, biological products, laboratory consumables, diagnostic services, professional registration services, accreditation services, maintenance services, and related veterinary services during the 2026/2027 financial year.

The request is made in terms of the applicable National Treasury and Provincial Treasury Supply Chain Management prescripts that permit procurement through limited bidding where goods or services are available from a single source, sole supplier, sole manufacturer, authorised distributor, statutory authority, or accredited service provider, and where competitive bidding would not be practical or feasible.



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2. BACKGROUND

The Bid Adjudication Committee received a request from Veterinary Services Chief Directorate requesting to procure services from sole suppliers through limited sourcing. The sole suppliers, providers, manufactures and authorised distributors are requested to be used to provide essential veterinary equipment, products, and services for Veterinary Services. Veterinary Services operates in a highly specialised technical and regulatory environment where uninterrupted access to veterinary diagnostic equipment, laboratory systems, animal health products, cold-chain infrastructure, specialised consumables, and technical servicing is critical to safeguarding animal health, public health, food safety, and national biosecurity obligations. Many of the systems and products utilised within Veterinary Services are proprietary in nature and require procurement directly from original equipment manufacturers (OEMs), authorised distributors, or certified service agents to ensure compatibility, reliability, regulatory compliance, and warranty protection.

The standard competitive procurement process is not always practical or feasible in such instances because there are no alternative suppliers capable of providing equivalent goods or services that meet the required technical specifications, compatibility standards, accreditation requirements, and operational obligations.

3. MOTIVATION

The request for deviation is motivated by the following operational, technical, and regulatory considerations:

Sole manufacturer and proprietary equipment requirements

A significant portion of veterinary laboratory and field equipment used by Veterinary Services consists of specialised proprietary systems manufactured by specific international companies. These include diagnostic analysers, biosafety equipment, vaccine storage systems, laboratory instrumentation, imaging equipment, molecular testing platforms, and associated software systems.



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The manufacturers maintain exclusive rights over:

- a) Proprietary spare parts;
- b) Calibration tools;
- c) Software licenses and updates;
- d) Technical configurations;
- e) Maintenance procedures; and
- f) Equipment certification standards.

Procurement of non-original or third-party components may:

- a) Compromise equipment performance and accuracy;
- b) Void manufacturer warranties;
- c) Lead to equipment malfunction or failure;
- d) Result in non-compliance with laboratory accreditation standards; and
- e) Pose risks to animal and public health.

Accordingly, procurement directly from the sole manufacturer or authorised distributor is necessary to ensure operational continuity and compliance with technical requirements.

Sole suppliers and exclusive service providers

Certain goods and services required by Veterinary Services are supplied exclusively by designated statutory bodies, state-owned entities, or sole service providers with specialised mandates and expertise.

Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccine procurement

The procurement of Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) vaccines must be sourced from Onderstepoort Biological Products, which is the authorised manufacturer and sole distributor of FMD vaccines in South Africa. These vaccines are highly specialised biological products subject to strict state veterinary, biosecurity, and regulatory controls.



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The use of alternative suppliers is not feasible due to:

- a. National disease control protocols;
- b. Regulatory approval requirements;
- c. Vaccine quality assurance standards;
- d. Biosecurity considerations; and
- e. Compatibility with national animal disease control programmes.

Direct procurement from Onderstepoort Biological Products is therefore essential to ensure compliance with national veterinary disease management obligations and continuity of vaccination programmes.

SAVETCON: Veterinary Congresses and Conferences

Veterinary Services officials are required to participate in veterinary congresses, scientific conferences, continuous professional development programmes, and sector-specific engagements to maintain professional competence, remain informed of emerging animal health risks, and support ongoing veterinary education.

SAVETCON is the recognised and specialised organiser responsible for the arrangement and coordination of veterinary congresses, conferences, and related professional events within the veterinary sector. Due to its exclusive role, established veterinary networks, and specialised expertise in veterinary event coordination, there are limited or no equivalent alternative service providers capable of delivering the same sector-specific services.

Deviation procurement is therefore necessary to facilitate participation in these professional veterinary platforms and ensure continuous professional development and sector engagement.



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Professional Registration with the South African Veterinary Council (SAVC)

Veterinarians and veterinary para-professionals employed within Veterinary Services are legally required to maintain professional registration with the South African Veterinary Council in terms of applicable veterinary legislation and professional regulatory requirements.

The South African Veterinary Council (SAVC) is the sole statutory regulatory authority responsible for:

- a. Professional registration;
- b. Licensing;
- c. Accreditation;
- d. Regulation of veterinary professionals; and
- e. Oversight of veterinary professional conduct in South Africa.

There is no alternative institution authorised to provide these statutory registration services. Payment of registration and annual retention fees to SAVC is therefore mandatory and unavoidable to ensure legal compliance and continued professional practice by veterinary personnel.

Accredited and Authorised Service Providers

Certain veterinary diagnostic and laboratory equipment may only be serviced, calibrated, repaired, or validated by manufacturer-authorised technicians or accredited service providers.

These service providers possess:

- a) Manufacturer certification;
- b) Access to proprietary software and firmware;
- c) Specialised diagnostic tools;
- d) Technical expertise specific to the equipment; and
- e) Authority to issue calibration and validation certificates.



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Using unauthorised service providers may compromise:

- a) Equipment integrity;
- b) Diagnostic accuracy;
- c) Laboratory accreditation status;
- d) Biosecurity protocols; and
- e) Compliance with quality assurance standards.

Deviation from normal procurement processes is therefore required to appoint authorised service providers capable of maintaining the operational readiness and regulatory compliance of specialised veterinary equipment and systems.

Compatibility and Standardisation Requirements

Veterinary Services utilises integrated laboratory and operational systems where compatibility between equipment, software, consumables, reagents, and accessories is essential. Many consumables and reagents are designed specifically for use with designated proprietary equipment platforms and cannot be substituted without affecting test validity, calibration accuracy, or equipment functionality.

Standardisation across laboratories and veterinary facilities is also necessary to:

- a) Maintain consistent testing methodologies;
- b) Ensure reliable diagnostic results;
- c) Facilitate staff training and technical support;
- d) Simplify maintenance and inventory management; and
- e) Ensure interoperability across systems and facilities.

Introducing alternative products or suppliers may create operational inefficiencies, increased training costs, incompatibility risks, and disruptions to service delivery.



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Urgency and continuity of critical veterinary services

Veterinary Services performs essential functions related to:

- a) Disease surveillance and outbreak response;
- b) Veterinary diagnostics;
- c) Food safety monitoring;
- d) Animal disease control programmes;
- e) Export certification; and
- f) Public health protection.

Interruptions in the supply of critical equipment, consumables, reagents, maintenance services, or technical support may severely impact the Department's ability to perform statutory and emergency functions effectively.

In situations where equipment breakdowns or supply shortages occur, delays associated with lengthy competitive procurement processes may:

- a) Disrupt laboratory operations;
- b) Delay diagnostic testing;
- c) Compromise outbreak response capabilities;
- d) Affect international trade obligations; and
- e) Jeopardise animal and public health.

Deviation procurement enables timely acquisition of critical services and supplies necessary to maintain uninterrupted operations.

Cost effectiveness and risk mitigation

Although competitive procurement is generally intended to promote cost effectiveness, the use of sole distributors, manufacturers, and accredited service providers in specialised veterinary environments often represents the most economical and least risky option over the lifecycle of the equipment and systems.



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Alternative procurement approaches may result in:

- a) Increased maintenance costs;
- b) Premature equipment failure;
- c) Invalid diagnostic results;
- d) Loss of warranties;
- e) Additional replacement costs; and
- f) Operational downtime.

Procurement from authorised sources therefore mitigates operational, financial, technical, and legal risks while ensuring long-term sustainability of veterinary infrastructure and services.

In light of the specialised nature of veterinary equipment, laboratory systems, consumables, vaccines, statutory registrations, professional services, and technical support requirements, deviation from the normal procurement processes is justified where goods and services are available only through sole manufacturers, sole distributors, statutory authorities, or accredited service providers.

Such deviation is necessary to:

- a) Ensure operational continuity;
- b) Maintain diagnostic accuracy and quality standards;
- c) Protect manufacturer warranties and equipment integrity;
- d) Preserve laboratory accreditation and regulatory compliance;
- e) Safeguard animal and public health;
- f) Ensure compliance with statutory professional registration requirements; and
- g) Support effective delivery of critical veterinary services.

Sole suppliers, distributors and Providers

SUPPLIER	COMMODITIES AND SERVICES RENDERED	ADDRESS
Anatech Analytical Technology	Authorised distributor for Microbiologics Product line, reagents and consumables for water and dairy. Only authorised distributor of products manufactured and exported by BIOLAB in South Africa.	Jacaranda Avenue, Meadowbrook Business Park, Olivedale, Gauteng, 2158 Tel: 012 428 7911 Fax: 012 344 1568



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SUPPLIER	COMMODITIES AND SERVICES RENDERED	ADDRESS
	Authorized Distributor of Honeywell Biokar diagnostics products.	
ARC/Onderstepoort Veterinary Institute	Approved service provider for most diagnostic testing in South Africa.	Private Bag X 05 Onderstepoort 0110 Tel: 012 529 9111 Fax: 012 565 6573
Biocom Africa (Pty) LTD	Sole distributor authorized to sell Rockland Immunochemicals Inc.(Complement Fixation Test Reagents)	P.O. Box 13004
Idexx Laboratories PTY Ltd	Manufacture and Sole Supplier of IDEXX Livestock, Poultry, Dairy Elisa product range and IDEXX Consumables in South Africa.	Postnet suite 465, Private Bag X29, Gallo Manor, 2052 Tel: 011 691 8200
Innovative Diagnostics (ID VET)	Authorised manufacturer and supplier of Brucellosis and ELISA reagents	9 Vervoer St, Kya Sand, Johannesburg, 2000 Tel: 011 794 1577
IZIKO MEDICALS SUPPLIES (PTY) LTD	Sole supplier and distributor for Lab consumables	9 Marshall Drive Old Mill Industrial Park Mount Edgecombe 4302 Tel: 031 502 1611 Fax: 031 5021669
JGK Proficiency Testing Scheme	Sole supplier for proficiency testing samples.	3 Sylvia Street, Potchefstroom, 2351. Cell: 0825621858 Fax: 0866501716
Lasec PTY Ltd	Dealer for Gilson S.A.S products Sole Laboratory equipment reseller for Suez Water purification system Sole agent in South Africa for Memmert products Authorised provider for Biobase Biodustry (Shandong) products. Sole Distributor of CPLT-Guinea Pig Complement, HS-Haemolytic serum ,RSA-RB –Rose Bengal, Brucellosis Antigen for Complement Fixation Test and CFTB- Complement Fixation Test Buffer Authorised provider of laboratory water purification systems.	52 Old Mill Road Ndabeni Cape Town Western Cape 7405 Tel:0215317504 Fax:0215317562
Onderstepoort Biological Products LTD	The sole supplier for Brucella related antigens nationally. Antigen: <i>Brucella abortus</i> milk ring antigen, <i>Brucella abortus</i> rose Bengal antigen, <i>Brucella abortus</i> compliment fixation antigen, <i>Brucella abortus</i> serum agglutination antigen, <i>Brucella abortus</i> positive serum. Sole distributor of Foot and Mouth Disease vaccine	Private Bag X7 Onderstepoort 0110 Tel : 012-522-1512 Fax : 012-522-1591



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SUPPLIER	COMMODITIES AND SERVICES RENDERED	ADDRESS
SANAS	Accreditation Services	P.O Box 23 Pretoria 0132 Tel: 012 740 8400 Fax: 012 394 0526
SAVC (South African Veterinary Council)	The SAVC authorisation (registration) and Board Examination fees for the veterinary and para-veterinary professionals to practise in South Africa Provision of Continuing Professional Development webinars, congresses and conferences	26 Victoria Link Street, Route 21 Corporate Park, Nellmapius Drive, Irene, 0157 Tel: +27 (12) 345 6347 / 6360 Fax: +27 (12) 345 6369
SAVETCON	Event management / organizer for professional congresses and conferences including South African Veterinary Council (SAVC), Southern African Society for Veterinary Epidemiology and Preventative Medicine (SASVEPM), South African Veterinary Association (SAVA), Ruminant Veterinary Association of South Africa (Ruvasa)	47 Gemsbok Avenue Monument Park, Pretoria 012 346 1150 071 587 2950 admin@savetcon.co.za
The Scientific group	Authorised service provider for pluslife Biotech veterinary products. Authorised distributor of Meslo LTD laboratory equipment and services Bleeding tubes for livestock	Ascendis Medical Building Stand No 208C, Hoogland Ext 44, Cnr Epsom Ave and Malibongwe Dr. Boundary park Northriding Gauteng 2169 Tel: 011 568 9047 sales@scientificgroup.com
ThermoFisher Scientific	Laboratory ovens and Incubators. Sole supplier for Oxoid Limited, Remel Europe limited Remel Inc, Trek Diagnostics Systems Limited (Sensititre) and Thermo Fisher Prepared Media (Selection Media) products in South Africa	200 Smit Street Fairland, Johannesburg, 2195 Tel: 011-478 0411 Fax: 011-478 0349
Wirsam Scientific and precision Equipment (PTY) Ltd	Authorised distributor of Evident life science and industrial microscopes and accessories	23 Menton Road Richmond 2092 Tel: 011 482 1060

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATION

Only one quotation will be sourced as they are sole suppliers, providers, manufacturers and distributors. Budget is available to procure these goods and services in the 2026/2027 financial year.



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5. DISCUSSION

The Bid Adjudication Committee (BAC) considered the submission received from the Chief Directorate: Veterinary Services requesting approval to procure specialised veterinary equipment, biological products, diagnostic reagents, laboratory consumables, statutory services, professional registrations, calibration services, maintenance support, and conference-related services from sole manufacturers, authorised distributors, accredited service providers, and statutory bodies during the 2026/2027 financial year.

The BAC noted that the goods and services listed in this submission are highly specialised and are only available from specific manufacturers, authorised distributors, statutory authorities, or accredited service providers. The Committee further noted that these suppliers possess exclusive rights relating to proprietary products, software, specialised equipment maintenance, calibration services, accreditation requirements, statutory registrations, veterinary biological products, and professional regulatory services.

The BAC further noted that the procurement of such goods and services through normal competitive bidding processes may not be practical, feasible, or cost-effective, as there are no alternative suppliers capable of providing equivalent products or services that meet the required technical specifications, compatibility requirements, quality standards, accreditation obligations, warranty conditions, and statutory compliance requirements.

The Committee further acknowledged that uninterrupted access to these specialised products and services is critical to ensuring effective disease surveillance, veterinary diagnostics, laboratory operations, animal disease control programmes, food safety monitoring, export certification, emergency response capabilities, and compliance with national and international veterinary standards.

The BAC was satisfied that the request is justified based on the specialised nature of the commodities and services, the absence of alternative suppliers, the need to maintain operational continuity, and the requirement to comply with applicable veterinary, regulatory, accreditation, and biosecurity obligations.



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The BAC therefore resolved to recommend that the Accounting Officer approve procurement from the identified sole manufacturers, sole distributors, statutory authorities, and accredited service providers for the 2026/2027 financial year, subject to the availability of budget and compliance with all applicable Supply Chain Management prescripts.

The approved suppliers shall only be utilised on an as-and-when-required basis until 31 March 2027 for the specific commodities and services listed in this submission. Prior to the placement of any order, the responsible programme must ensure that:

- a) The supplier is registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD);
- b) Tax compliance status is verified where applicable;
- c) Sufficient budget is available;
- d) All required SCM documentation is completed and retained on file;
- e) Procurement is limited strictly to the commodities and services for which sole supplier status has been confirmed; and

The approved procurement through other means (limited bidding/sole supplier) will be reported on the National Treasury eTender Portal in accordance with PFMA SCM Instruction No. 11 of 2025/26."

6. RECOMMENDATION

The Bid Adjudication Committee recommends that;

- 6.1. The Accounting Officer approves the procurement of specialised veterinary equipment, biological products, diagnostic reagents, laboratory consumables, professional registration services, accreditation services, maintenance services, calibration services, conference-related services, and other veterinary-related goods and services from the identified sole manufacturers, authorised distributors, statutory authorities, and accredited service providers during the 2026/2027 financial year.



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- 6.2. Approves the utilisation of the suppliers listed in this submission on an as-and-when-required basis for the period ending 31 March 2027.
- 6.3. All suppliers utilised under this approval be verified and registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD) where applicable.
- 6.4. All procurement transactions be supported by the necessary SCM documentation, including approved requisitions, quotations where applicable, purchase orders, delivery notes, invoices, proof of receipt, and any other prescribed documentation.
- 6.5. Procurement under this approval be limited strictly to the commodities and services for which sole supplier, sole distributor, statutory authority, or accredited service provider status has been confirmed.
- 6.6. Sufficient budget be confirmed prior to the procurement of any goods or services and that all expenditure be managed within the approved budget allocations of the Chief Directorate: Veterinary Services.



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CHAIRPERSON: BID ADJUDICATION COMMITTEE

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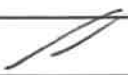
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7. RECOMMENDATION

The Bid Adjudication Committee recommends that;

- 7.1. The Accounting Officer approves the procurement of specialised veterinary equipment, biological products, diagnostic reagents, laboratory consumables, professional registration services, accreditation services, maintenance services, calibration services, conference-related services, and other veterinary-related goods and services from the identified sole manufacturers, authorised distributors, statutory authorities, and accredited service providers during the 2026/2027 financial year.
- 7.2. Approves the utilisation of the suppliers listed in this submission on an as-and-when-required basis for the period ending 31 March 2027.
- 7.3. All suppliers utilised under this approval be verified and registered on the Central Supplier Database (CSD) where applicable.
- 7.4. All procurement transactions be supported by the necessary SCM documentation, including approved requisitions, quotations where applicable, purchase orders, delivery notes, invoices, proof of receipt, and any other prescribed documentation.
- 7.5. Procurement under this approval be limited strictly to the commodities and services for which sole supplier, sole distributor, statutory authority, or accredited service provider status has been confirmed.
- 7.6. Sufficient budget be confirmed prior to the procurement of any goods or services and that all expenditure be managed within the approved budget allocations of the Chief Directorate: Veterinary Services.

APPROVED / ~~NOT APPROVED~~





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