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**Position Statement: Use of Unregistered Vaccines in Livestock by Veterinarians in SA**

The South African Veterinary Association has retracted its Position Statement on the Use of Unregistered Vaccines in Livestock by Veterinarians in South Africa, to revise the said position statement.

This position statement, issued on 2 May 2012, stated that the production and control of autogenous vaccines (compounded vaccines) are governed by Act 36 of 1947; this may be incorrect. There are differing opinions regarding the production and control of autogenous vaccines, one is that it is controlled by Act 101 of 1965. There are also widely differing opinions regarding the interpretation of the various acts that may or may not regulate autogenous vaccines.

In the interest of food security and safety of this country, the South African Veterinary Association proposes urgent analysis and dialogue, under the auspices of the Animal Health Forum, to resolve this matter.

A revised position statement will be issued in due course.

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