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NOTICE OF DECISION

Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Amendment)
Regulations 2006

I, Bob Cameron, Minister for Agriculture and Minister responsible for administering the **Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1986**, give notice under section 12 of the **Subordinate Legislation Act 1994** as follows:

A Regulatory Impact Statement (RIS) was prepared in relation to the proposed Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (Amendment) Regulations 2006. The RIS was advertised to invite public comment. Four submissions were received and considered.

I have decided that the proposed Regulations should be made with the following amendments:

The commencement dates in proposed regulations 3(1) and (2) will be put back to 1 February 2006 and 1 August 2006, respectively.

Regulation 12(1) will be revised to prohibit ocular irritancy testing procedures without terminal anaesthesia in any species of animals. This amendment enables the original purpose of this regulation, as stated in the RIS, to extend the current prohibition of the Draize test from rabbits to any species of animal but does not prohibit the efficacy testing of therapeutic or prophylactic eye medications.

Regulation 14 of the Principal Regulations will be amended to provide that only specified animals that have not been bred in their native habitat may be used for scientific procedures or breeding under a scientific procedures premises licence. Regulation 18 of the Principal Regulations will be amended to provide that only specified animals that have not been bred in their native habitat may be used for scientific procedures under a scientific procedures field work licence.

Dated 16 January 2006

BOB CAMERON MP
Minister for Agriculture

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