

TERRESTRIAL ANIMAL HEALTH STANDARDS COMMISSION
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USA Comments

CHAPTER 7.8.

USE OF ANIMALS IN RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

Article 7.8.4.

The oversight framework

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Ethical review of animal use may be undertaken by regional, national or local ethical review bodies or committees. Consideration should be given on how to ensure ensuring the impartiality and independence from of all those serving on the committees and who are reviewing individual proposals.

Rationale to amending Article 7.8.4 (suggested changes shown in blue font) :

Editorial suggestion, and edits considering the practicality of inherent personal biases. Rather than requiring that the whole committee have no conflicts, it is more appropriate to be sure those members reviewing individual proposals do not have conflicts/connections that would affect their ability to be impartial.

In providing this oversight and ensuring the implementation of the Three Rs, the following expertise should be included as a minimum:

a) ...