

Modifications to Program Description

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Certification page		The Program Description and Instructions for Completing the Program Description have been updated (version dated 07/2020) to include the one-page certification document that must be signed by the Institutional Official or authorized designee, as announced on July 20, 2020. Please note that the completion of the certification will be required starting with the Winter Trimester 2021.”
Page 19, II.	Animal Environment, Housing and Management <i>Note:</i> Complete each section including, where applicable, procedures performed in farm settings, field studies, aquatic environments, etc.	Animal Environment, Housing and Management <i>Note:</i> Complete each section including, where applicable, procedures performed in farm settings, field studies, aquatic environments, cephalopods (whose use may be described in Appendix 18 in lieu of each section of the Program Description), etc.
Page 21 B1. a.	Describe considerations, performance criteria and guiding documents (e.g. <i>Guide, Ag Guide</i> , ETS 123 and/or other applicable standards) used by the IACUC/OB to verify adequacy of space provided for all research animals, including traditional laboratory animal species, agricultural animals, aquatic species, and wildlife when reviewing biomedical, field and agricultural research studies.	Describe considerations, performance criteria and guiding documents (e.g. <i>Guide, Ag Guide</i> , ETS 123 and/or other applicable standards) used by the IACUC/OB to verify adequacy of space provided for all research animals, including traditional laboratory animal species, agricultural animals, aquatic species, cephalopods, and wildlife when reviewing biomedical, field and agricultural research studies.
Page 39	According to the privacy principles on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, we wish to advise you that the personal data in the Program Description will become part a permanent file owned by AAALAC International, and that can be shared with AAALAC International offices and representatives in order to perform an evaluation of the institution’s animal care and use program and provide accreditation services. The institution has the option of exercising rights of data access, rectification, cancellation, and opposition at: accredit@aaalac.org	According to the privacy principles on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, we wish to advise you that the personal data in the Program Description will become part a permanent file owned by AAALAC International, and that can be shared with AAALAC International offices and representatives in order to perform an evaluation of the institution’s animal care and use program and provide accreditation services. The institution has the option of exercising rights of data access, rectification, erasure, restriction cancellation and opposition at: accredit@aaalac.org
Page 41 Appendix 2 Summary of Animal Housing & Support Sites	“... the total square footage/metres (or acreage) for animal care and use, and the total square footage/metres (or acreage)”	“the total square footage/metres and/or acreage for animal care and use, and the total square footage/metres and/or acreage”
Page 50, Appendix 10	Appendix 10: IACUC/OB Periodic Report	Appendix 10: IACUC/OB Periodic Program Review and Facility Inspection Report
Page 52, Appendix 11	In the Table below, provide room-specific information requested. For each room within this location, indicate use, including the species for animal housing rooms. <i>Measurement of air exchange rates and verification of relative pressure within animal housing rooms (excluding rooms</i>	In the Table below, provide room-specific information requested. Include all animal holding rooms (including satellite holding rooms), surgical facilities, procedure rooms, and support spaces integral to animal facilities (e.g., cage wash, cage and feed storage areas, necropsy, treatment). For each of these rooms/areas, indicate use, including the species for animal housing rooms. Measurement of air exchange rates and

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	<p><i>housing aquatic species only) and cage washing facilities must be completed within the 12 months preceding completion of this Program Description. Air exchange rates may be important to maintain air quality in other areas; however, measurements may be left at the discretion of the institution. Information may be provided in another format, providing all requested data is included.</i></p>	<p><i>verification of relative pressure within the areas mentioned above must be completed within the 12 months preceding completion of this Program Description. Air exchange rates may be important to maintain air quality in other areas; however, measurements may be left at the discretion of the institution (e.g., air measurements in areas where aquatics are held.) Information may be provided in another format, providing all requested data is included.</i></p>
<p>Page 53, Appendix 12 Aquatic Part 1</p>	<p>Please summarize water management and monitoring information programs for each animal facility, including all satellite facilities, rooms, enclosures. The following key will assist you in completing the form:....</p>	<p>Please summarize water management and monitoring information programs for each animal facility, including all satellite facilities, rooms, cephalopod housing systems, and enclosures. The following key will assist you in completing the form:</p>
<p>Page 55 Appendix 13 Add Sentence w/ hyperlink</p>	<p>Primary Enclosures Please complete the Table below considering performance criteria and guiding documents (e.g., Guide, Ag Guide, ETS 123 and/or other applicable standards) used by the IACUC/OB to establish adequacy of space provided for all research animals including traditional laboratory species, agricultural animals, aquatic species, and wildlife when reviewing biomedical, field, and agricultural research studies.</p>	<p>Primary Enclosures Please complete the Table below considering performance criteria and guiding documents (e.g., Guide, Ag Guide, ETS 123 and/or other applicable standards) used by the IACUC/OB to establish adequacy of space provided for all research animals including traditional laboratory species, agricultural animals, aquatic species, and wildlife when reviewing biomedical, field, and agricultural research studies. Refer to AAALAC International’s Position Statement “Cage or Pen Space” for additional guidance.</p> <p>Note: Hyperlink for “Cage or Pen Space” https://www.aaalac.org/accreditation/positionstatements.cfm#space</p>
<p>Page 63 Appendix 18</p>	<p>No Previous Appendix prior to November 2019.</p>	<p>Appendix 18: Cephalopod Oversight Please describe below the oversight of cephalopods (for guidance, refer to AAALAC International’s Frequently Asked Question, “Invertebrate animals” and AAALAC’s Reference Resource, “Guidelines for the Care and Welfare of Cephalopods in Research-A consensus based on an initiative by CephRes, FELASA and the Boyd Group,” (Note AAALAC International’s caveats regarding this resource). In addition, the care and use of cephalopods may be described in the relevant sections (i.e., housing, husbandry, veterinary care, surgery and euthanasia, etc.) within the Program Description</p>
<p>Page 64 Appendix 19 (new)</p>	<p>No Previous Appendix for Adverse Event Plan</p>	<p>Appendix 19: Adverse Event Assessment and Reporting Plan Please insert or describe below the institutional adverse event assessment and reporting plan (for guidance, refer to AAALAC International’s Frequently Asked Questions, What are the reporting requirements for maintaining accreditation? and Managing and reporting adverse events.</p>

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Page 1	In the Introduction, the institution should describe how the Three Primary Standards are used.	In the Introduction, the institution should describe how the Three Primary Standards are used and list other pertinent local and/or national regulations.
Page 6, C	No section	Oversight of Invertebrates. Please refer to AAALAC International's Frequently Asked Question, " Invertebrate animals ," and AAALAC's Reference Resource, Guidelines for the Care and Welfare of Cephalopods in Research-A consensus based on an initiative by CephRes, FELASA and the Boyd Group , (Note AAALAC International's caveats regarding this resource). AAALAC International considers the information regarding the humane care of cephalopods, including capture, transport, housing, handling, disease detection/prevention/treatment, survival surgery, husbandry and euthanasia of these sentient and highly intelligent invertebrate marine animals to be appropriate to apply during site visits. Although there are no current regulations or guidelines requiring oversight of cephalopods in many countries, adhering to the principles of the 3R's, justifying their use for research, commitment of appropriate resources and institutional oversight (IACUC or equivalent oversight body) is recommended for research activities involving cephalopods.
Page 8, 10	IACUC/OB Periodic Report.	IACUC/OB Periodic Program Review and Facility Inspection Report.
Page 8, 18	No section	Cephalopod Oversight. Summarize, if applicable, the oversight of cephalopods within the program. Please note that the care and use of cephalopods may be described in the relevant sections (i.e., housing, husbandry, veterinary care, surgery and euthanasia, etc.) within the Program Description or in Appendix 18.
Page 9, V	Board and Council members, ad hoc Consultants/Specialists, and staff representing AAALAC International are required to execute a "Confidentiality Agreement". Conflict of Interest statements are also declared by each site visitor. AAALAC International representatives agree to treat all materials as privileged and safeguard material in their possession. Blank copies of these agreements are available on request.	Board and Council members, Council member Emeriti , ad hoc Consultants/Specialists, and staff representing AAALAC International are required to execute a "Confidentiality and Secrecy Agreement" and AAALAC complies with the EU General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) . Conflict of Interest statements are also declared by each site visitor. AAALAC International representatives agree to treat all materials as privileged and safeguard material in their possession. Blank copies of these agreements are available on request.
Page 10, VI	Certification page	Replaced with the latest version.(updated July 2020)

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Page 11	Addendum A: Animal facility Sq. Ft./Metres Compilation	<p style="background-color: yellow;">Replaced with the latest version.</p> <p>Addendum A: Animal Facility Square Footage/Metres Compilation</p> <p>Actual square footage/Metres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Animal rooms Corridors Food and Bedding storage rooms Cage storage rooms Cage wash rooms Supply and equipment storage areas Surgery suites Treatment and procedure rooms Incinerator rooms Diagnostic rooms (i.e. pathology, x-ray, necropsy) Waste storage areas Restrooms (within the animal facility) Employee lounge areas Outdoor pens for primates, dogs, cats and birds Laboratories within the facilities related to animal research Offices within the animal facilities associated with the animal care program Environmentally-controlled domestic animal housing buildings <p>Square footage/Metres figured on the amount of use dedicated to the animal facility:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Loading docks (number used for program) Elevators (number used for program) <p>Special square footage/Metres calculations:</p> <p>Farm barns and sheds (not used for biomedical studies) are calculated according to the numbers of buildings and the size of the program generally not at actual square footage.</p> <p>Acreage may contribute to increasing the Group size by one group (evaluated on a case-by-case basis)</p> <p>Square footage/Metres not included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Janitor's closets Stairwells Pastures Feed lots Outdoor pens for livestock Investigator's laboratories outside the animal facilities Ancillary laboratories outside the animal facility
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