Provision of Translations to the Veterinary Surgeon Who is the Subject of a Complaint

The Veterinary Surgeons Board of Hong Kong has approved the following policy with respect to the provision of translations to the veterinary surgeon who is the subject of a complaint with immediate effect:

- (i) No translation of a document in Chinese into English or *vice versa* will be provided by the Preliminary Investigation Committee of the Board to a veterinary surgeon complained against (or the complainant) unless there are special circumstances justifying the same.
- (ii) Should the veterinary surgeon complained against (or the complainant) claim there are special circumstances justifying the provision of a translation by the Preliminary Investigation Committee, the Preliminary Investigation Committee will make a decision on the individual case as to whether it is justified for the Board to provide the same.
- (iii) Once the matter has reached the stage of a disciplinary inquiry, the current practice of providing translations of prosecution documents to defendant veterinary surgeons as required shall continue.

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