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Vice-Chancellor

## **Regulations regarding animal-based research outside Sweden's borders for researchers at Lund University**

### *Background*

In its core values, vision and goals, Lund University emphasises expressions such as *academic values, respect, tolerance and concern shall govern all relationships, mutual acceptance of responsibility and quality*. The wording of the overall goals expresses the importance of attaining “*the highest quality in education, research*” by means such as *quality enhancement*. These key expressions encompass not only our relationship to people and research, but also indicate the view of Lund University regarding the animals that constitute a necessary prerequisite for work in research areas such as ecology, ethology and medicine.

Today's research activities are globalised and based on cooperation in different constellations around the world with an aim to optimise the use of resources such as expertise, experience, advanced animal facilities and analysis equipment. In practice this means that researchers from Lund University can actively participate in animal-based research outside Sweden's borders and thereby in studies that are approved by other countries' equivalents to Sweden's Ethical Committees on Animal Experiments.

Lund University wants to clearly state that, for both legal and ethical reasons, it is self-evident that all uses of animals for a scientific purpose at Lund University shall fulfil the national regulations in force, which stem from an EU joint directive for member states (2010/63/EU).

### *Decision*

Pursuant to Chapter 2 Section 5 of the Higher Education Act (1992:1434), Lund University prescribes the following.

When researchers from Lund University carry out, or participate in, animal-based research in countries outside Sweden and the researcher with project responsibility at Lund University suspects that conditions for the animal handling in question deviate from the principles that permeate the EU's directive, participation in such testing shall first be assessed and approved by the Lund University *Board for Animal Protection Issues*. The basis of such an assessment, which shall be *documented* (see appendix) before cooperation starts, shall be that the use of animals, from an ethical perspective, may not be more permissive than is the case in the implementation of equivalent experiments within the EU.

The decision in this matter was made by the undersigned Vice-Chancellor in the presence of Head of University Administration Susanne Kristensson after briefing by University Veterinarian Anders Forslid.

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