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For the attention of:
Menna Clatworthy
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ANIMALS (SCIENTIFIC PROCEDURES) ACT 1986 – INSPECTOR ADVICE

On 17 July 2023, ASRU Enforcement received a report stating that the number of animals used under your project licence (PD030666A) exceeded the maximum number of animals authorised in Protocols 5 and 8 by a total of 3948 animals (3916 and 32 animals respectively).

This incident represents a minor breach of Project Licence Standard Condition 1 and meets the criteria for the provision of Inspector Advice:

- there are no, or minor, avoidable welfare consequences
- the facts are agreed
- there was no intention to subvert the controls of ASPA
- the risk of recurrence is judged to be low

In future you should ensure that you comply with **Project Licence Standard Condition 1**, which states that *“The licence holder is responsible for the overall implementation of the programme of work specified in this licence and for ensuring that the programme of work is carried out in compliance with the conditions of the licence.”*

It is noted that the proposed changes in processes at the establishment following this incident to ensure better monitoring of animal numbers are:

- Generation of a ‘cage list’ on MCMS on weekly basis to review the animal numbers of each strain.
- Review of study plans and animal usage during regular laboratory animal user meetings.
- Creation of a MS Teams group to enable efficient communication on animal usage and animal sharing within the group.

This letter represents formal provision of Inspector Advice, which is issued in line with ASRU compliance policy: [ASRU Compliance Policy](#)

No further formal action will be taken by ASRU on this occasion. However, please be aware that if you are involved in any further breach of the Animals (Scientific Procedures) Act 1986, or of the conditions of a licence issued under the Act, within the next 5 years, this case may be taken into consideration in deciding what action to take.

If you have any concerns or comments on this matter, please send them to
ASRUEnforcement@homeoffice.gov.uk

This letter has been sent on behalf of Noelia Lopez-Salesansky, Inspector, and has been copied to the HOLC.

Yours sincerely

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