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A BULLETIN BY THE RESEARCH INTEGRITY AND ETHICS OFFICE

Activation of the Human Tissue Framework



In preparation for the activation of the Human Tissue Framework (HTF) under the [Human Biomedical Research Act \(HBRA\)](#), RIEO conducted 2 roadshows in Jan and Oct 2019 to prepare the local research community. Singapore's Ministry of Health has recently announced that HTF will come into full force on **1 Nov 2019**.

As shared during the roadshows, all NTU PIs conducting [tissue banking activities](#) are to ensure compliance with this new regulation. This includes the following:

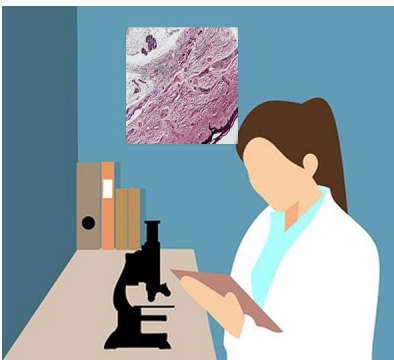
- 1) Ensure that "[Appropriate Consent](#)" is obtained from your tissue donor.
- 2) Requirements for [supply/ transfer-out](#) of human tissues are met.
- 3) For tissues collected prior to 1 Nov 2019, ensure that they meet the [minimum 3 core consent elements](#) for continued usage.
- 4) Reporting of any [safety issues or incidents](#) to NTU-IRB.

Note: Human tissue removed from the donor's body and rendered non-identifiable prior to **1 Nov 2019** is **exempted** from the scope of HTF.

To comply with national regulations, PIs **must** [register](#) your tissue collections with RIEO for reporting to MOH.

Researchers contravening any part of this legislation may be guilty of an offence and liable to penalties including fines / imprisonment or both.

More information on HBRA/HTF is available on the [IRB website](#).



Updating of Used Animal Records on ARFMS

With the launch of the Animal Research Facility Management System (ARFMS) in Aug 2018, all animal records are to be updated on the system by **31 Dec 2019** to facilitate annual regulatory reporting to Animal & Veterinary Services (AVS).

Please click [here](#) for user guides on creation of animal entries and termination of animals on ARFMS.

Regulatory reporting of animal numbers to AVS is a requirement outlined in the NACLAR Guidelines. Researchers must adhere to this deadline to ensure accurate reporting of animal records by NTU.

For queries on the update of animal records on ARFMS, please contact [Esther Wong](#).

Regulatory Reporting



Deadlines: **NTU-IACUC:** Next due date for new AUP submissions is **2 Dec 2019**. [\[+Read more\]](#).
NTU-IRB: New submissions are due on Mondays of every week. [\[+Read more\]](#).

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