

## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

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Dr. Ana Bravo del Moral President European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE) Hietzinger Kai 87 1130 Wien Austria

Dear Dr. Ana Bravo del Moral:

I am writing to inform you of my decision regarding the standards and processes used by the European Association of Establishments for Veterinary Education (EAEVE) to accredit foreign veterinary schools, and whether those standards and processes are acceptable to the U.S. Department of Education (Department).

Effective July 1, 2015, the (Department) is charged with determining whether a foreign accrediting agency or organization (agency) is acceptable to the U.S. Secretary of Education (Secretary) for the purpose of evaluating veterinary programs. The agency's standards and processes must be evaluated and determined to be acceptable in order for U.S. students attending foreign veterinary schools to be eligible to participate in U.S. federal student aid programs.

Department staff reviewed the processes and accreditation the EAEVE uses to accredit veterinary schools, and has determined that the EAEVE has an acceptable quality assurance system for evaluating the quality of education offered at the veterinary schools it accredits.

I concur with Department's staff recommendation, and consider the quality assurance used by the EAEVE for evaluating the educational quality of veterinary schools acceptable to the Department for a period of six years from the date of letter. Approximately one year from the end of the six-year period EAEVE will receive written notification explaining the process for submitting a renewal petition for the review by the Department.

Please convey my appreciation to the members of the EAEVE. Your organizations willingness to participate in this process is greatly appreciated, and will give U.S. students' access to U.S. Federal Student Aid while attending veterinary schools accredited by the EAEVE.

Thank you again for providing the information requested by the Department.

Sincerely,

Gail McLarnon

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