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Members of the IACUC:

I am requesting an exemption to The Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals for limiting the storage of dry animal diets to up to 6 months from manufacture. Specifically, I am requesting that the date of storage from manufacture be extended to up to 9 months as specified by the manufacturer. As noted in the 8th Edition of The Guide, "Most natural-ingredient, dry laboratory animal diets stored properly can be used up to 6 months after manufacture." Information provided by the manufacturer indicates that, if properly stored, their standard products can be used up to 9 months from the date of manufacture.

The reason for the request is to allow use of certain diets up to 9 months from the date of manufacture. We have found that because the manufacturer uses the guideline of stability for up to 9 months we occasionally get short dated lots of food that we are forced to discard at the 6 month date. This is both wasteful and cost ineffective. Being allowed to store and use the diets up to 9 months from manufacture would allow us to put short dated lots to use instead of discarding them and prevent the need to special order lots from the manufacturer. Thus, we are requesting this exemption from The Guide.

Thank you for your consideration.

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