

Summary of Exceptions to the Regulations and Standards for FY: 2020 As Reviewed and
Approved by the Virginia Tech IACUC

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One exception to the standards were reviewed and granted related to animal husbandry SOPs for animals maintained by the CVM Teaching and Research Animal Care Support Services staff:

1. Request to grant a deviation in floor space per animal for gnotobiotic piglets. The justification provided by the PI for the deviation was: (a) Piglets are <2kg at birth and <6kg at euthanasia (Gnotobiotic pigs stay on milk diet thus grow slower than conventional pigs). (b) The 1.6/sqft/pig is equivalent to the space that is industry standard in agricultural practices. (c) Animals are handled with glove box type gloves which provide a minimal range of motion and this space is required to allow for ease of restraint to minimize stress to the animal during handling. Number of animals (pigs) affected – 47