

## IACUC POLICY AND PROCEDURE STATEMENT

**Policy/Procedure:** Overages in Animal Usage

**Policy/Procedure ID:** 04-04-001

**Effective:** April 15, 2004

### A. Background

The number of animals shipped by the vendor may exceed the number of animals requested by an Investigator on a Vertebrate Animal Order Form. Vendors typically over-ship large or sensitive strain orders in anticipated compensation of loss due to the shipping process. This may result in providing more animals than are approved on a given protocol.

### B. Policy

The number of animals approved in a protocol is considered to be an approximate number. An overrun of up to 10% is allowed. Overruns beyond 10% are allowed only with the approval by the full IACUC of an addendum to the protocol.

Numbers approved by addendum are not considered approximate and further overruns are not allowed without further addenda approved by the full IACUC.

Animals shipped in excess of the order may also be placed on other suitable protocols provided that the animals meet the requirements and are not in excess of an approved number.