

to make the necessary program modifications to conform with new "must" statements in the 9th Edition of the *Guide for the Care and Use of Laboratory Animals (Guide)*, NRC.

For a period of one year from AAALAC's implementation of the 2011 *Guide* (i.e., until September 1, 2012), new "must" statements will be categorized as a "Temporary Suggestion for Improvement." If your institution received a Temporary Suggestion for Improvement following independent correspondence, or if your annual report indicates such, you should:

1. If the response is satisfactory, or if additional information is provided, the conclusion of this one-year transition period, it is expected that the issue will be complete and that the issue has been resolved. Temporary Suggestions for Improvement remaining uncorrected on September 1, 2012, will be considered mandatory items for correction in subsequent years. You are urged to take any action you wish to avoid this status.

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AAALAC is committed to the highest standards of animal care and use. AAALAC recognizes that the time and resources necessary to replace all cages in a laboratory may not be feasible. Institutions may not have all cages replaced to meet the 2011 *Guide* standards within the three-year period. In such a case, the institution will be suggested to provide AAALAC with a plan

to meet the requirements of the 2011 *Guide*. The plan should be submitted to AAALAC within the time frame specified in the *Guide*.

### Using the 2011 *Guide* in the conduct of semiannual program reviews and facility inspections

The 2011 *Guide* has been widely adopted and is the standard for all AAALAC-accredited institutions. The 2011 *Guide* has been widely adopted and is the standard for all AAALAC-accredited institutions. Institutions should implement changes to their animal care and use programs to meet the 2011 *Guide* standards.