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**ORDER**

In continuation to this Department's Orders of even numbers dated 20.04.2020 and 13.05.2020, the online meetings through videoconferencing of the Institutional Biosafety Committees (IBSCs) registered on the Indian Biosafety Knowledge Portal (IBKP) are allowed till further order subject to the fulfilment of the following conditions:

1. The participation of the DBT nominee, the Biosafety officer and at least one outside expert is mandatory.
2. The comments of the DBT nominee and other members on every proposal considered in the meeting should be clearly recorded in the minutes.
3. The video conferencing based meetings would be applicable to the reviewing of the ongoing proposals as well as new proposals.
4. The IBSC may demand presentations on proposals and videos of containment facility from the applicants.
5. For new facilities to be validated, physical verification should be conducted wherever feasible/required.
6. The signatures of the DBT nominee, Biosafety officer, Chairman and Member Secretary are mandatory on the minutes of the meeting. Further for other members, approval(s) may be sought through email or may be granted with digital signature.

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Member Secretary, RCGM &  
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To,

All IBSCs (Chairman & DBT Nominee) for information and compliance

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