Annex 4

Instructions on the importance and criminal legal consequences of the declaration in lieu of an oath

according to Sec. 18(3) sentence 6 of the University of Hohenheim's Doctoral Regulations for the Faculties of Agricultural Sciences, Natural Sciences, and Business, Economics and Social Sciences

The University of Hohenheim requires a declaration in lieu of oath on the independence of the scientific work done in order to ensure that the doctoral candidates have done the scientific work independently.

Because the legislators place a particular importance on declarations in lieu of oath and these declarations can have serious consequences, the legislators have placed criminal penalties on false declarations in lieu of oath. If a person willfully (that means knowingly) submits a false declaration, the punishment can be imprisonment for up to three years or a fine.

If a person negligently submits a false declaration (that is, it is submitted even though the person should have realized that the declaration was not correct), then the punishment can be imprisonment for up to one year or a fine.

The criminal provisions can be found in Sec. 156 of the Criminal Code (StGB, false declaration in lieu of oath) and in Sec. 161 StGB (negligent false oath, negligent false declaration in lieu of oath).

Sec. 156 StGB: False Declaration in Lieu of Oath

Persons who make a false declaration in lieu of oath to an institution responsible for accepting such declarations or persons who make false statements on such a declaration are subject to imprisonment of up to three years or a fine.

Sec. 161 StGB: Negligent False Oath, Negligent False Declaration in Lieu of Oath

161(1): If an action described in Secs. 154 and 156 are done negligently, the punishment is imprisonment of up to one year or a fine.

161(2): There is impunity if the perpetrator corrects the false declaration in a timely manner. The provisions in Sec. 158(2 and 3) apply mutatis mutandis.

I acknowledge the instructions on declarations in lieu of oath.

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Place, Date   Signature