



**Ministry of Food, Agriculture  
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Danish Veterinary and  
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# **Danish experience with Self-declaration of freedom from Avian Influenza**

Webinar on WOH procedure for  
the publication of self-declaration  
of animal health status

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# The first self-declaration of freedom from Avian Influenza

- **The draft self-declaration**
  - **Format and content based on Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).**
  - **DVFA began the work on the self-declaration in beginning of September 2018.**
  - **Draft send to [self-declaration@oie.int](mailto:self-declaration@oie.int) on 14 September 2018 (two weeks before) for comments on content and prior approval.**
- **OIE screening revealed that some information was required either for clarification or suggestions made for editorial. This was send to DVFA on 24 September 2018**
- **The official self-declaration was sent to OIE on 27 September 2018.**
- **The self-declaration was published on the website on 2 October 2018.**

**Estimated time taken for preparing the first self-declaration: Approximately 2-4 weeks**



# Subsequent self-declarations of freedom from Avian Influenza

## WOAH MEMBERS' SELF-DECLARATIONS

### ARCHIVES

Country	Self-declared freedom from	Bulletin/WOAH website (link)	Self-declaration Status	From	To	Country/ zone / compartment
Burkina Faso	Avian Influenza - HPAI	2013-3 (page 55-58)	Not active	21/03/2013	10/02/2015	Country
Burkina Faso	Avian Influenza - HPAI	<a href="#">Link</a>	Active	27/10/2017		Country
Canada	Avian Influenza	2009-4 (page 52)	Not active	2009	30/11/2014	Zone(s)
Chile	Caprine and ovine brucellosis	<a href="#">2013-2 (page 61)</a>	Active	01/02/2013		Country
Colombia	Avian Influenza	<a href="#">2010-4 (page 46-48)</a>	Active	2010		Country
Colombia	White spot disease	<a href="#">2015-1 (page 94-98)</a>	Active	16/01/2015		Zone(s)
Colombia	Yellowhead disease	<a href="#">2015-1 (page 94-98)</a>	Active	16/01/2015		Zone(s)
Colombia	Newcastle disease	April 2022	Not active	31/03/2021	10/04/2022	Country
Croatia	Bluetongue	October 2020	Not active	01/01/2020	15/10/2020	Country
Cyprus	Classical swine fever	<a href="#">2008-1 (page 37)</a>	Active	11/2007		Country
Cyprus	African swine fever	<a href="#">2008-1 (page 37)</a>	Active	11/2007		Country
Cyprus	Swine vesicular disease	<a href="#">2008-1 (page 37)</a>	Active	11/2007		Country
Czech Republic	Rabies	<a href="#">2005-3 (page 63-64)</a>	Active	2004		Country
Czech Republic	Avian Influenza - LPAI	<a href="#">2010-2 (page 46-47)</a>	Active	29/03/2010		Zone(s)
Czech Republic	Avian Influenza	January 2020	Not active	23/06/2017	17/01/2020	Country
Czech Republic	Classical swine fever	<a href="#">2008-1 (page 37)</a>	Official status			Country
Czech Republic	African swine fever	<a href="#">2008-1 (page 37)</a>	Not active	11/2007	21/06/2017	Country
Czech Republic	Swine vesicular disease	<a href="#">2008-1 (page 37)</a>	Active	11/2007		Country
Czech Republic	Newcastle disease	<a href="#">Link</a>	Active	24-07-2018		Country
Czech Republic	Avian Influenza	January 2021	Not active	12/06/2020	20/01/2021	Country
Czech Republic	High pathogenicity avian influenza	September 2021	Not active	26/07/2021	27/09/2021	Country
Denmark	Classical swine fever	<a href="#">2008-1 (page 37)</a>	Official status			Country
Denmark	African swine fever	<a href="#">2008-1 (page 37)</a>	Active	11/2007		Country
Denmark	Swine vesicular disease	<a href="#">2008-1 (page 37)</a>	Active	11/2007		Country
Denmark	Avian Influenza	February 2019	Not active	28-09-2018	26/02/2019	Country
Denmark	Avian influenza	June 2019	Not active	17/06/2019	25/06/2019	Country
Denmark	Avian influenza	January 2020	Not active	01/10/2019	27/01/2020	Country
Denmark	Avian influenza	November 2020	Not active	04/05/2020	15/11/2020	Country
Denmark	Avian influenza - HPAI	July 2021	Not active	10/06/2021	05/07/2021	Country
Denmark	Avian influenza - HPAI	October 2021	Not active	09/08/2021	30/10/2021	Country
Dominican Republic	Avian Influenza	<a href="#">2015-2 (page 98-101)</a>	Not active	27/01/2015	02/11/2018	Country
El Salvador	Avian Influenza	<a href="#">2000-6 (pages 728-729)</a>	Active	20/12/2000		Country

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## **Subsequent self-declarations of freedom from Avian Influenza**

- **Update the previous self-declaration**
- **Draft sometimes send to OIE approximately two weeks before for prior approval (18 September 2019, 15 April 2020, etc.).**
- **The official self-declaration was sent to OIE on relevant dates (17 June 2019, 1 October 2019, 4 May 2020, etc.).**
- **The self-declaration was published on the website few days later (21 June 2019, 2 October 2019, 4 May 2020, etc.).**

**Estimated time taken for preparing subsequent self-declarations: Approximately 2-4 days**



## **Purpose and main benefits of the publication of a self-declaration: TRADE!**

**“If we can open one important market one week earlier, then it is worth the effort to make the self-declaration”**

**The Danish experience: It is worth the effort!**

**The Danish poultry industry supports the publications and are often impatient if not published the date the free-status is regaining according to the Terrestrial Code.**



# Challenges with the publication of a self-declaration

## 1. Export marked lack of acceptance

- Could the Observatory evaluate how big the lack of acceptance is?

## 2. Delayed publication – time is money!

- Could the time for review of the subsequent self-declarations be reduced?  
(at present it formally is 2 weeks according to B-3 of the SOP)

