



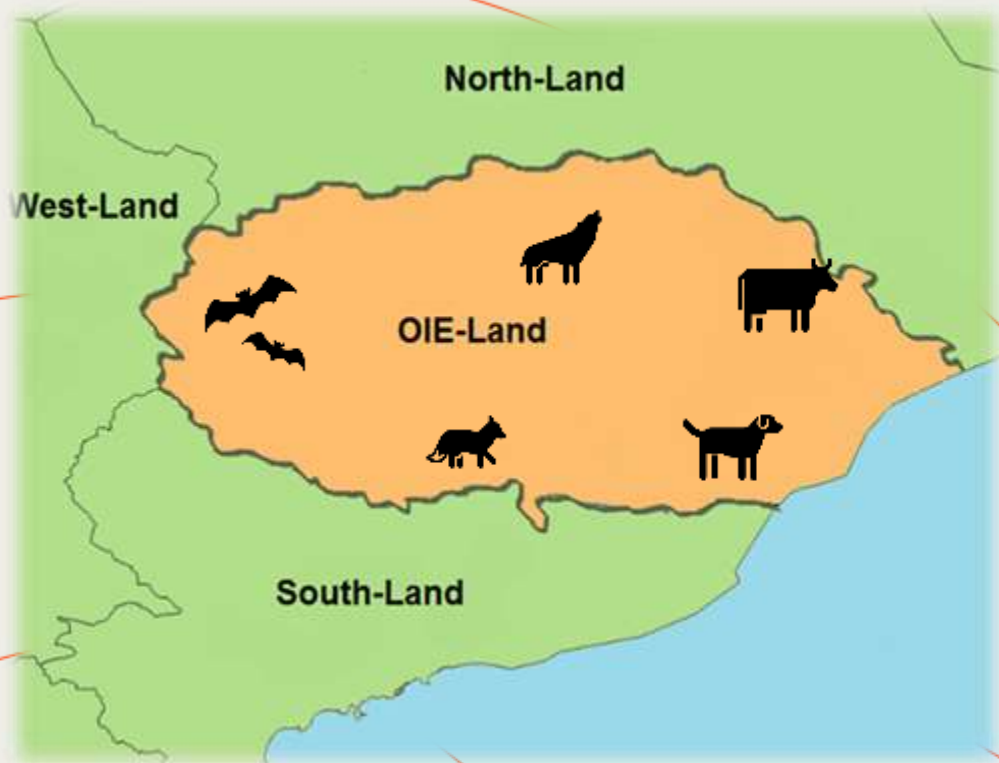
General requirements and procedures related to the publication of self-declarations

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Why self-declare an animal health status ?

The animal health status with regard to a specific disease is favourable in your country and you consider that it would be important to:

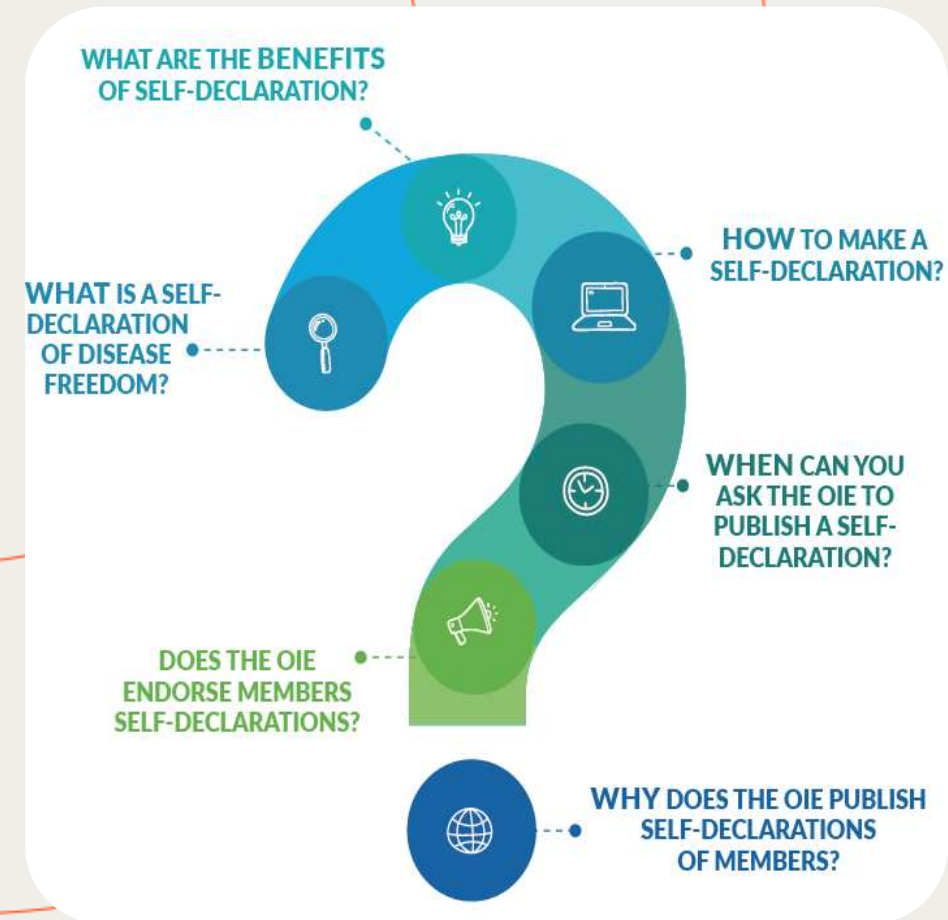


- Increase **visibility** of disease freedom
- Promote **good animal health practice** & **quality** of **Veterinary Services**
- Demonstrate **transparency** in animal disease situation & continuous **compliance** with **WOAH standards**

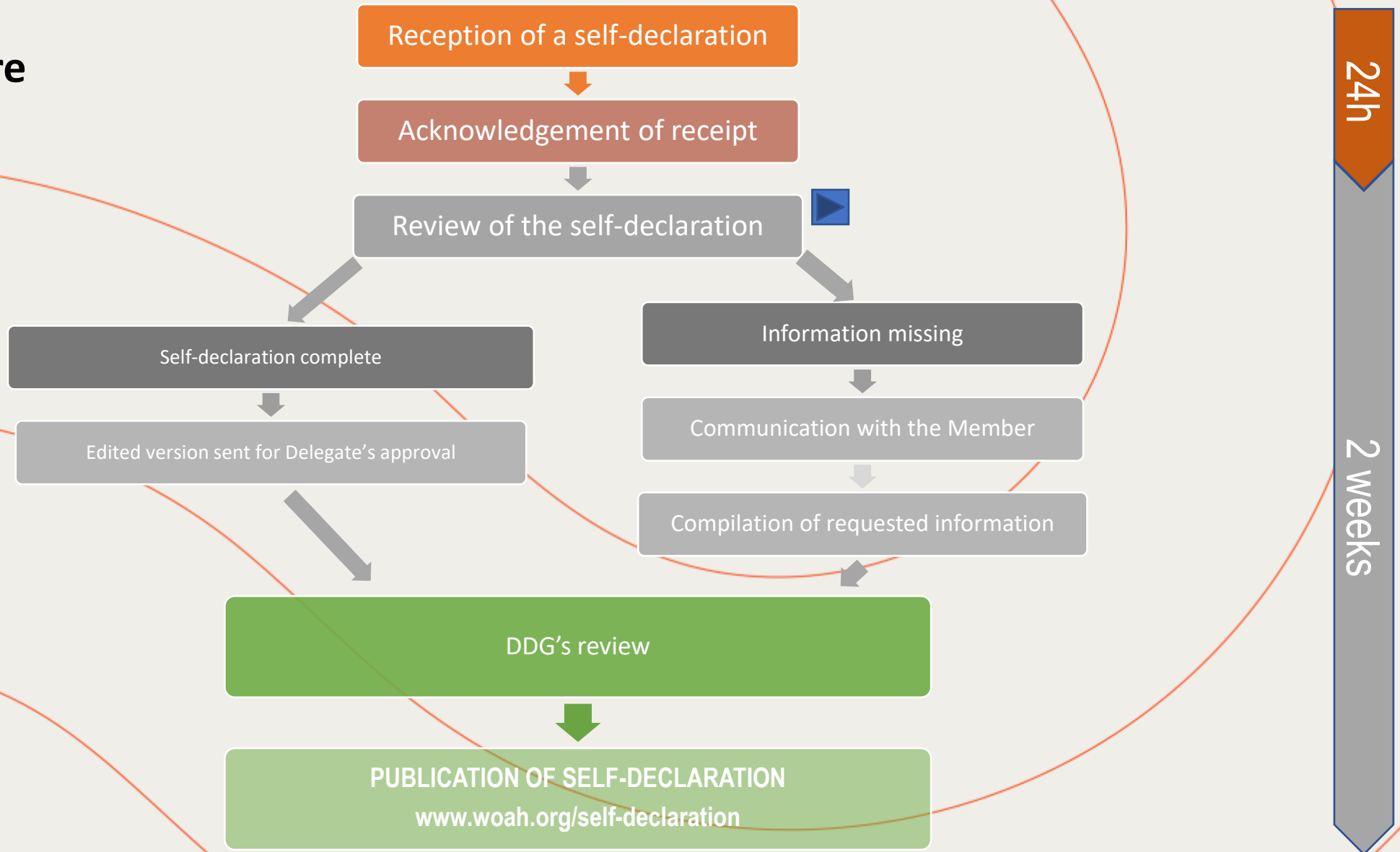


A **self-declaration of disease freedom** is a documented statement from the Delegate of the Member and it is entirely under his/her responsibility.

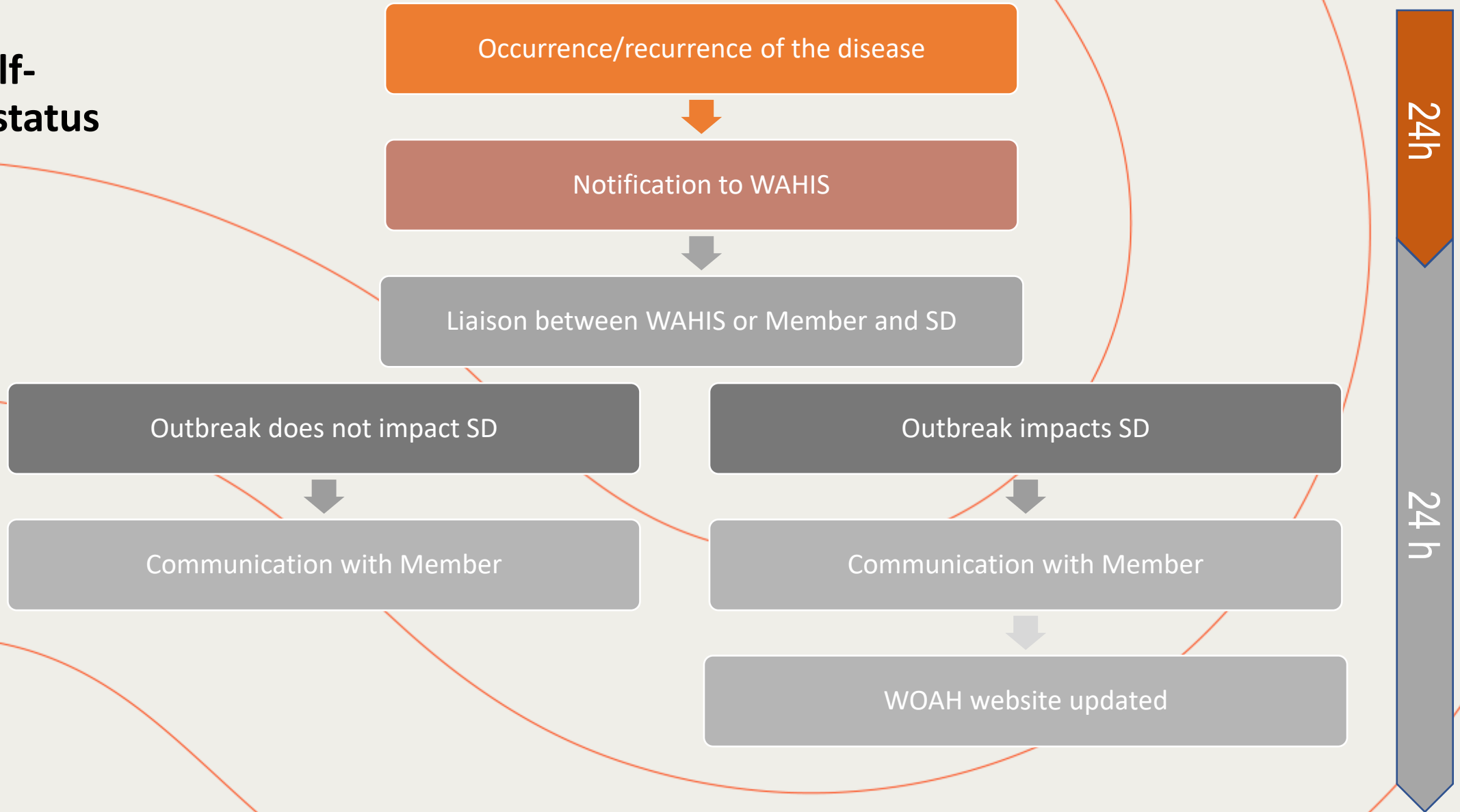
- Documented **compliance** with the provisions of **Article 1.6.3.** and with **disease-specific articles** of the *Terrestrial Code*
- Following the **Standard Operating Procedure** on the publication of self-declarations



- The procedure

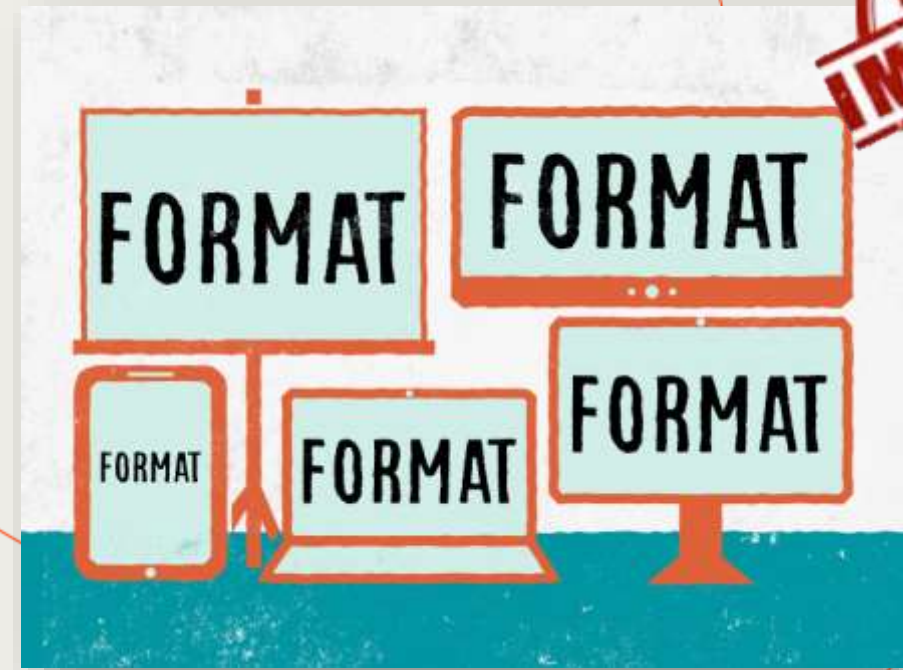


- Loss of self-declared status



- Format

- 📏 Size
- 📏 Language
- 📏 Structure
- 📏 File compatibility
- 📏 Submission format



When in doubt, please visit the dedicated self-declaration webpage!

www.woah.org/self-declaration

- **Very important points**

This is not an official recognition by WOA

- 🏠 **The responsibility lies entirely under the WOA Delegate of the Member**
- 🏠 **WOA does not endorse Members' self-declarations**
- 🏠 **Self-declaration cannot be made for diseases for which WOA has an official recognition procedure**
- 🏠 **No submission deadline**



- **Challenges**

- 🏠 **Events not closed in WAHIS**
- 🏠 **Time requirements not included (surveillance after stamping out, time requirements for freedom)*.**
- 🏠 **Starting date of the SD*.**
- 🏠 **Submission to another Department.**



- Strengths

- 🏠 Submission ahead of time*
- 🏠 SDs that account for previous comments, publications.
- 🏠 Clarity of structure.
- 🏠 Hyperlinks to pieces of legislation/documents that substantiate statements
- 🏠 Test results presentation**



Thank you for your attention!

- For more information please contact:
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Indicators of interest on self-declarations of animal health status



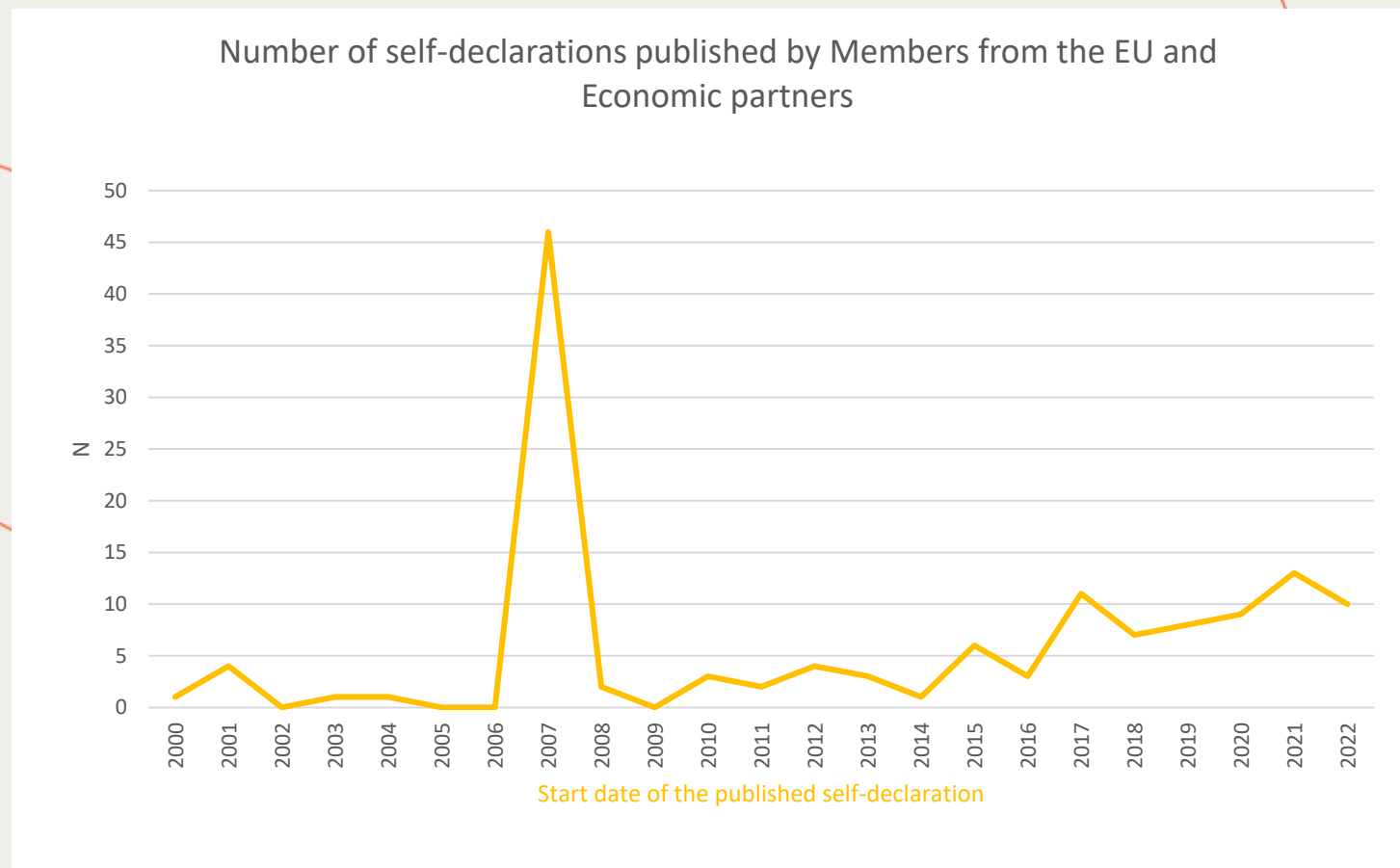
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• Trends / popular diseases

- As of October 1st, 2022
- Excluding those that became official status and those never published



- Popular diseases: ASF and swine vesicular disease (52*), HPAI (45), rabies (18), Aujesky's disease, Bluetongue, Newcastle disease, brucellosis, scrapie, glanders
- Currently active: 59 (8 HPAI)



- **Time to questions and publication**

Year of publication	Time to 1st round of questions		Time to 1st publication		N published
	Average (days)	<15 days (%)	Average (days)	<15 days (%)	
2018	14.5	80.0	26.5	40.0	6
2019	6.2	87.5	25.1	25.0	8
2020	13.8	12.5	41.5	62.5	8
2021	14.6	30.8	27.8	61.5	13
2022	10.3	72.7	17.1	63.6	11*

No specific reason identified for increased time to questions/publications**



- 25 responses
- 84% aware of the procedure
- 68% use the service, mainly for publishing
- Possible improvements:
 - interface: work in progress
 - Data reporting and publication speed
 - Zones: is possible
- Benefits of self-declaration:
 - Show-case good veterinary services' work
 - Trade/market access/animal movement
 - Transparency and knowledge sharing

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Any questions?