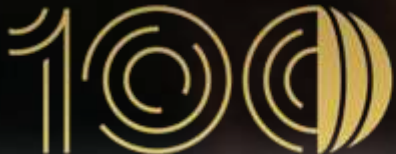


Key supportive information for annual reconfirmation of an official animal health status

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SUPPORTIVE INFORMATION TO BE PROVIDED IN SUPPORT OF THE ANNUAL RECONFIRMATIONS:

ANNEX 1

Requirements of the *Terrestrial Code* for the annual reconfirmations

The relevant information to be submitted by Members having an officially recognised animal health status, BSE risk status and/or endorsed official control programme through the annual reconfirmation is prescribed in the *Terrestrial Code*, as follows:

AHS free country or zone	Article 12.1.2.	NB
CBPP free country or zone	Article 11.5.3.	
CSF free country or zone	Article 15.2.3.	
FMD free country or zone where vaccination is not practiced	Article 8.8.3.	NB
FMD free country or zone where vaccination is practiced:	Article 8.8.4.	NB
PPR free country or zone:	Article 14.7.3.	NB
Negligible BSE risk	Article 11.4.4.	
Controlled BSE risk	Article 11.4.5.	
Endorsed official control programme for CBPP	Article 11.5.18.	NB
Endorsed official control programme for FMD	Article 8.8.42.	NB
Endorsed official control programme for PPR	Article 14.7.34.	NB
Endorsed official programme for dog mediated rabies	Article 8.15.11.	NB

NB: The *Terrestrial Code* requires that Members provide supportive documents to substantiate their annual reconfirmation.

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Outline

- **FMD** annual reconfirmations example
 - ❖ FMD free country where vaccination is not practised
 - ❖ FMD free zone where vaccination is practiced
- **PPR** and **CSF** annual reconfirmations
 - Guidance on submission of supportive information



Annual reconfirmation for FMD free country where vaccination is not practised: Supportive information to be provided in line with the Terrestrial Code

CHAPTER 8.8.

INFECTION WITH FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE VIRUS

Article 8.8.3.

Country or zone free from FMD where vaccination is not practised

A country or *zone* may be considered free from FMD where *vaccination* is not practised when the relevant provisions in point 2 of Article 1.4.6. have been complied with, and when within the country or *zone* for at least the past 12 months:

1. there has been no *infection* with FMDV;
2. the *Veterinary Authority* has current knowledge of, and authority over, all *herds* of domestic and *captive wild* susceptible animals in the country or *zone*;
3. the *Veterinary Authority* has current knowledge of the distribution and habitat of *wild* and *feral* susceptible animals in the country or *zone*;
4. appropriate *surveillance* has been implemented in accordance with:
 - a. Article 1.4.6. where historical freedom can be demonstrated; or
 - b. Articles 8.8.43. to 8.8.45. where historical freedom cannot be demonstrated, which includes the detection of clinical signs of FMD and demonstrates:
 - i. no *infection* with FMDV in unvaccinated animals;
 - ii. no transmission of FMDV in previously vaccinated animals;
5. measures to prevent the introduction of the *infection* have been in place; in particular, the importations or movements of *commodities* into the country or *zone* have been carried out in accordance with this chapter and other relevant chapters of the *Terrestrial Code*. Unless otherwise specified in this chapter, movements of *commodities* within a country between *zones* of different *animal health status* should comply with the same requirements as for importation;
6. *vaccination* against FMD is prohibited and the prohibition has been effectively implemented and supervised.

The country or *zone* will be included in the list of countries or *zones* free from FMD, where *vaccination* is not practised in accordance with Chapter 1.6.

Retention on the list requires annual reconfirmation of compliance with all points above and provisions under point 4 of Article 1.4.6. Documented evidence should be resubmitted annually for all points above. Any changes in the epidemiological situation or other significant events should be notified to WOAH in accordance with Chapter

1.1.



Documented evidence to be **systematically** provided for **questions 3 & 7**

• Question 3:

3. Is surveillance in accordance with Articles 8.8.43. to 8.8.45. in operation to detect clinical signs of FMD and demonstrate no evidence of infection with FMDV?

a) Early warning system :



Basic info on surveillance to be provided by all Members regardless of whether they are historically free or not



- Clinical suspicions: number of suspected cases, number of samples tested for FMDV (species, type of sample) testing method(s), final results, control measures during the investigation.
- Awareness campaigns/trainings/meetings/simulation exercises

b) If FMD specific surveillance is in place:

- Clinical surveillance: target animal population, number of clinical inspections conducted for FMD, including number of animals clinically inspected and the results.
- Serological surveillance: target animal population, animals tested for FMDV, testing method(s), final results, follow-up of any positive reactors, interpretation of laboratory results



Documented evidence to be *systematically* provided for *questions 3 & 7*

• Question 7:

7. If susceptible animals, their meat and products are imported, are they imported in accordance with requirements at least as strict as those in Chapter 8.8.?

Documented evidence on the implementation and supervision of movement controls: Articles 8.8.12. to 8.8.33. should be considered, in particular:

- ✓ Article 8.8.12. (susceptible animals from an infected zone for slaughter)
- ✓ Article 8.8.16. (susceptible animals from countries or zones infected with FMDV, where an official control programme exists).
- ✓ Articles 8.8.24. - 8.8.26 (fresh meat of susceptible animals from FMD infected countries or zones where an official control programme exists)



Supportive information should be provided **in case of changes** for questions **4,5,6,8,9**, e.g.:

4. Have regulatory measures for the prevention and early detection of FMD been changed during the past 12 months?

Description of changes in the legislation, FMD diagnostic capacity (e.g. changes in the laboratory network, new tests), contingency plan.

5. Has a protection zone been established, removed or modified, during the past 12 months?

Geo-referenced map of the zone(s), description its implementation and supervision, measures applied (e.g., intensified surveillance).

6. Have there been any changes in the system for preventing the entry of FMDV into the country?

e.g., changes in the coordination with other countries, measures to prevent access to waste products of animal origin (i.e., regulations and management of swill feeding), countries/zones/compartments from which importation of susceptible animals or their products is authorised



Supportive information to be provided

• Question 6:

6. Has compulsory systematic vaccination been carried out in the target population during the past 12 months to achieve adequate vaccination coverage and population immunity?

- ❖ Type of vaccine used, vaccine strain(s),
 - ❖ Number of animals vaccinated by species,
 - ❖ Results of the vaccination coverage and population immunity by serotype and species
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- **!!** Additional information must justify the minimum vaccination coverage necessary to achieve a sufficient population immunity
 - **!!** if vaccination has not been carried out, description of when vaccination was ceased and possibly a plan for transitioning to an FMD-free zone without vaccination or rationale as to why compulsory systematic vaccination was not carried out in the target population



Supportive information to be provided

- **Question 7:**

7. Does the vaccine used comply with the standards described in the *Terrestrial Manual* and has it been chosen following appropriate vaccine strain selection?

Details on vaccine matching and vaccine strain selection





Supportive information to be provided

- Revised Chapters for PPR (14.7.) and CSF (15.2.) adopted at the 88th GS in May 2021
- Updated annual reconfirmation forms (AR) for CSF and PPR accordingly
- Supportive information required for the annual reconfirmations of Members for CSF and PPR free status
(Questions 1-4 of the AR forms)
- Documents on '*Guidance on submission of supportive information for the annual reconfirmation of [PPR/CSF] status*' developed for the 2022 annual reconfirmation campaign



Annual reconfirmation for PPR/ CSF free country

Supportive information to be provided

Documented evidence to be systematically provided for questions 2, 3, 4

2. Does the Veterinary Authority continue to have current knowledge of, and authority over, all domestic sheep and goats in the country?

- Demographic data or census on the domestic SR (changes in the number and distribution of domestic SR, explain the reason for significant changes)
 - Animal identification and registration system, traceability system for movements of domestic SR within the country: how these systems are kept up to date
 - Structure or organisation of the Veterinary Authority and the communication chain of command
- ❖ Indicate if there are no changes from what had been reported in your country's annual reconfirmation of the previous year.

3. Is surveillance conducted in accordance with the relevant provisions of Article 1.4.6. or Articles 14.7.27. to 14.7.33.?



Documented evidence to be systematically provided for questions 2, 3, 4

4. If commodities of small ruminants (including wild ruminants) have been imported in the past 12 months, were they imported in accordance with requirements at least as strict as those in Chapter 14.7.?

- **List of countries** (or zones) from which commodities of small ruminants (domestic or wild) were imported into the country (and between zones with different status within the country) during the past 12 months.
- A description of the **requirements for imports** from PPR-free country/zones and from those not free from PPR in line with Chapter 14.7 (the **veterinary certificate** that accompanied those imports could be provided).
- In case **alternative measures** are followed, provide **documented evidence that these achieve an equivalent level of risk mitigation** (Chapter 5.3. defines the principle of “equivalence of sanitary measures”).
- ❖ Indicate if there are no changes from what had been reported in your country’s annual reconfirmation of the previous year.



Annual reconfirmation for PPR free country

Supportive information to be provided

Documented evidence to be provided on a case-by-case basis and depending on the response, for **questions 1,5,6,7**

[1] Has there been any case of PPR virus infection during the past 12 months?

[5] Has any vaccination against PPR been carried out during the past 12 months?

[6] Have any animals vaccinated against PPR been imported since the cessation of vaccination?

[7] Have any changes in the epidemiological situation or other significant events regarding PPR occurred during the past 12 months? If yes, please provide a description of the changes and actions taken.

NB: answer to the question should be consistent with data reported in WAHIS



Harmonisation of requirements for disease-free status recognition and maintenance in disease specific chapters





Thank you for your attention



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