

# Recovery of official PPR-free status

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# SOP on suspension and recovery of officially recognised animal health status



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## Suspension\_SOP

**Standard Operating Procedures on suspension, recovery or withdrawal of officially recognised animal health status and withdrawal of the endorsement of official control programmes of Members**

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# Sources of suspension

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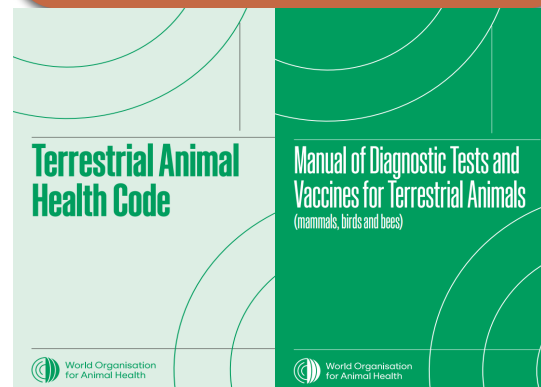
OCCURRENCE OF AN  
OUTBREAK



NON-SUBMISSION OF  
AN ANNUAL  
RECONFIRMATION



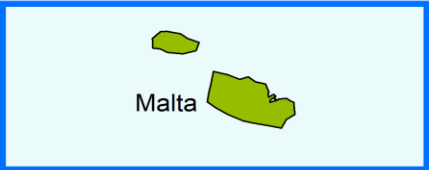
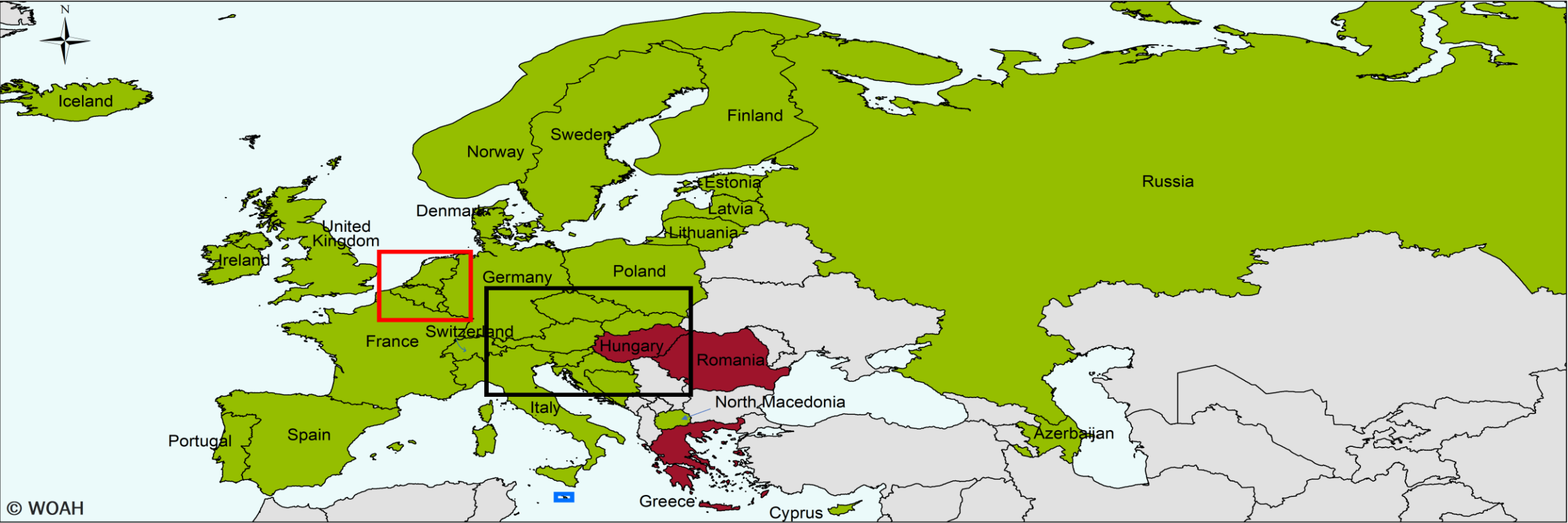
NON-COMPLIANCE  
WITH THE  
*TERRESTRIAL CODE*






**SUSPENSION**

# EUROPE: WOAAH Members' official peste des petits ruminants status map


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-  Members recognised as free from PPR
-  Countries without an official status for PPR
-  Suspension of PPR-free status



## Suspension SOP

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- **Application** following **questionnaire** template “Section 8 Recovery of free status” of Articles 1.12.1. to submit updated information
- Compliant with requirements of the **Terrestrial Code (Articles 14.7.7., 14.7.6.)**
- Preliminary screening by WOAHP Status dept
- Assessment by the **Scientific Commission** (without further Assembly consultation, relevant *ad hoc* Group may be consulted)
- Final decision taken by the Scientific Commission
- Pending – Expert field mission
- Outcome of Scientific Commission evaluation communicated to the applicant Member by a letter from the DG
- If the **outcome is positive** → Decision is published on WOAHP website (effective from the date of publication)  
If the **outcome is negative** → the assessment is kept confidential (only available for the applicant Member)



# Withdrawal of an official animal health status

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**SUSPENSION**



2 years

**WITHDRAWAL**

- When the status has not been recovered/application for recovery not submitted within 2 years of suspension  $\Rightarrow$  the status is withdrawn
- Members must reapply following the [procedure for the application for status recognition](#) (reduced fees)

# Terrestrial Animal Health Code requirements for recovery of PPR free status & establishment of a containment zone





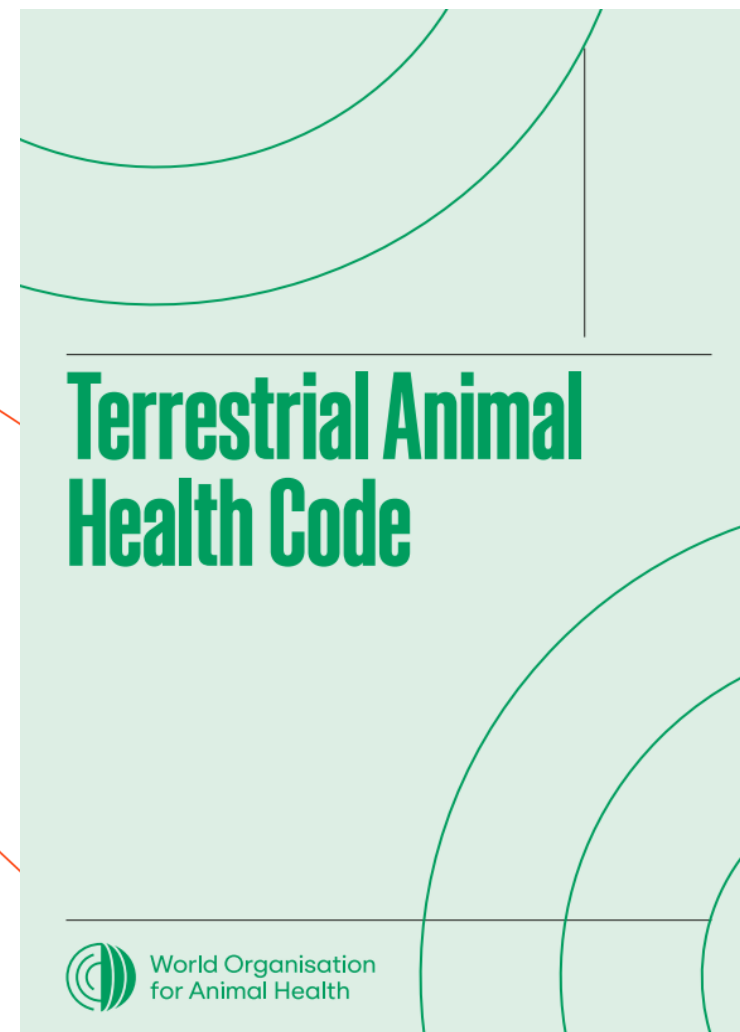


## Horizontal Chapters (Vol. I)

- Disease notification (1.1.)
- Animal health surveillance (1.4.)
- Import risk analysis (2.1.)
- Evaluation of Veterinary Services (3.3.)
- Veterinary legislation (3.4.)
- **Zoning and compartmentalisation (4.4.)**
- Vaccination (4.18.)
- Official control programmes (4.19.)
- Import/export procedures (5)

## Chapter 14.7 Infection with PPR virus (Vol. II)

- General provisions, case definition (14.7.1.)
- Safe commodities (14.7.2.)
- Criteria for disease status: country, zone or compartment (14.7.3.-14.7.5.)
- **Establishment of a containment zone (14.7.6.)**
- **Recovery of free status (14.7.7.)**
- Provisions for import of commodities (14.7.8.-14.7.25.)
- PPRV inactivation (14.7.26.)
- PPR surveillance (14.7.27.- 14.7.32.)
- WOAHA endorsed official control programme for PPR





# Article 14.7.7. - Recovery of free status

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- ✓ Stamping-out policy
- ✓ Surveillance in accordance with 14.7

**6 months**

***disinfection of the last  
affected establishment***



***PPR free status  
may be recovered***



## Containment zone

- an infected zone defined within a previously free country or zone, which includes **all suspected or confirmed cases that are epidemiologically linked** and where movement control, biosecurity and sanitary measures are applied to prevent the spread of, and to eradicate, the infection or infestation (*Terrestrial Code Glossary*)
- Chapter 14.7. Infection with PPRV - **Article 14.7.6.**
- Chapter 4.4. Zoning and compartmentalisation - **Article 4.4.7.**

→ **Establishment of a containment zone & Reinstatement of the rest of the country or zone**



# Principles for defining and establishing a zone

- Extent of a zone/geographical limits established by the *Veterinary Authority*
  - Natural, artificial and/or legal boundaries
  - Made public through official channels
- Valid animal identification system and traceability of movements
- Prevent movement of animals and their products across boundaries
- Cooperation of industry and *Veterinary Services* for the development of biosecurity and surveillance





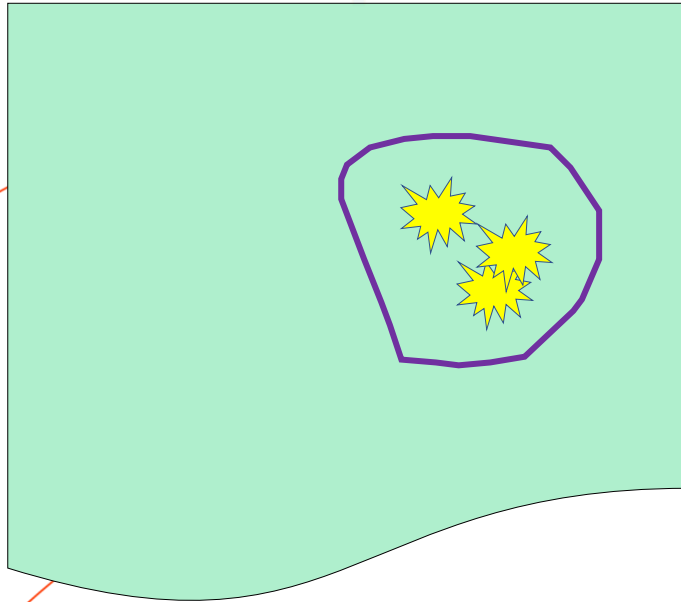


# Requirements for establishing a containment zone for PPR – Article 14.7.6.

1. the outbreaks are limited based on:
  - rapid response
  - standstill of animal movements and effective controls on the movement of other commodities
  - epidemiological investigation
  - identification of the primary outbreak and the likely source of the outbreak investigated
  - all cases epidemiologically linked
  - **no new cases** have been found in the containment zone **with a minimum of two incubation periods after the stamping-out of the last detected case** is completed;
2. stamping-out policy has been applied;
3. the susceptible population within the containment zone is clearly identifiable
4. increased passive and targeted surveillance in the rest of the country
5. measures in place to effectively prevent the spread of the PPRV to the rest of the country
6. ongoing surveillance in place in the containment zone

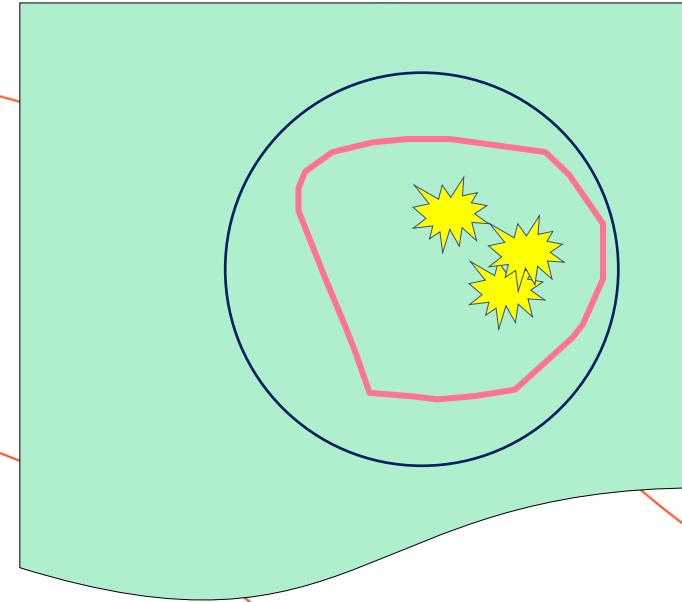
# 2 OPTIONS for establishing a containment zone – Article 4.4.7.

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- No outbreaks > 2 incubation periods (42d) after the disposal of the last detected case
- Case in the containment zone (**purple**) will result in suspension

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- Cases may continue to occur (inner zone; **pink**)
- Case in outer zone (**dark blue** circle) will result in suspension





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# Thank you

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For more information please contact: [disease.status@woah.org](mailto:disease.status@woah.org)  
Terrestrial Code and Manual:  
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