

Recovery of official FMD-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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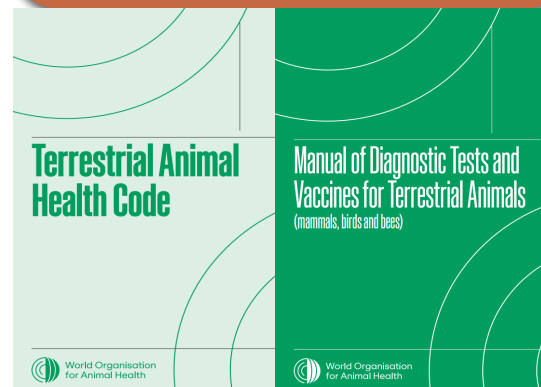
OCCURRENCE OF AN
OUTBREAK



NON-SUBMISSION OF
AN ANNUAL
RECONFIRMATION



NON-COMPLIANCE
WITH THE
TERRESTRIAL CODE



SUSPENSION



- Conveyed by the Director General to the WOAHP Delegate concerned



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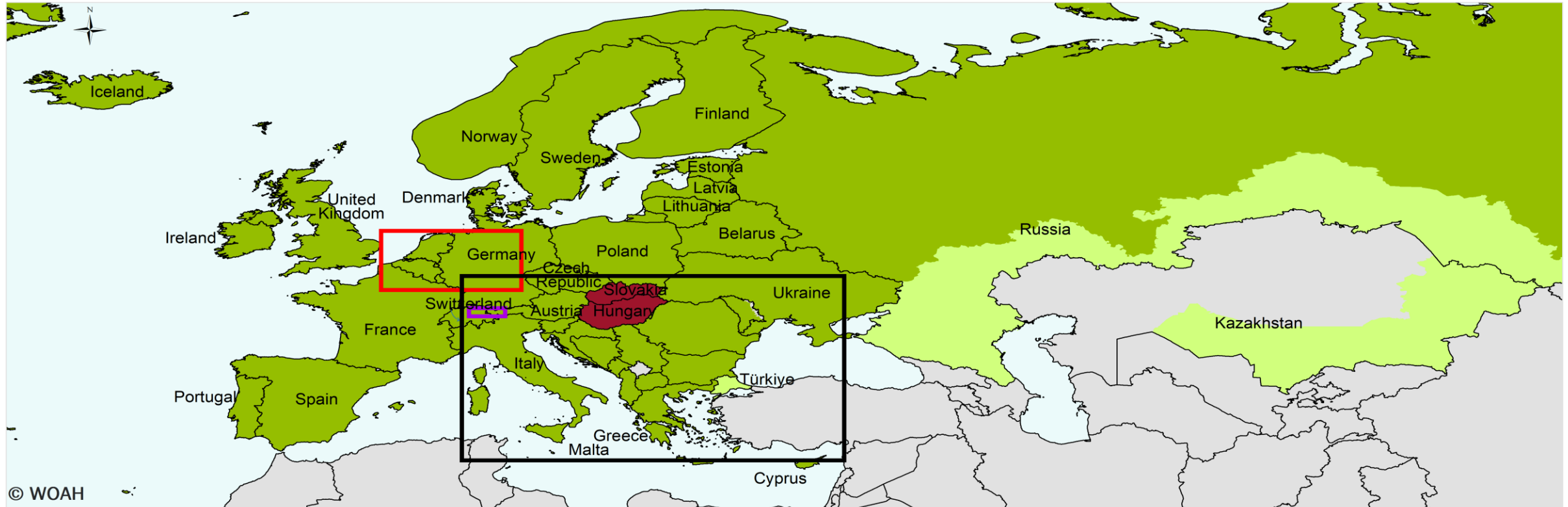
- Published simultaneously on the WOAHP website





- Suspension takes effect at the date when the country is not compliant anymore with the requirements of the *Terrestrial Code*


EUROPE: WOAAH Members' official FMD status map


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 Members and zones recognised as FMD free without vaccination

 Zones recognised as FMD free with vaccination


 Suspension of FMD free status

 Countries and zones without an official status for FMD





Suspension SOP

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- **Application** following **questionnaire** template “Section 8 Recovery of free status” of Chapter 1.11. to submit updated information
- Compliant with requirements of the ***Terrestrial Code (Articles 8.8.10., 8.8.11.)***
- ***Flexible calendar***
- 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 FMD-free status
& establishment of a containment zone



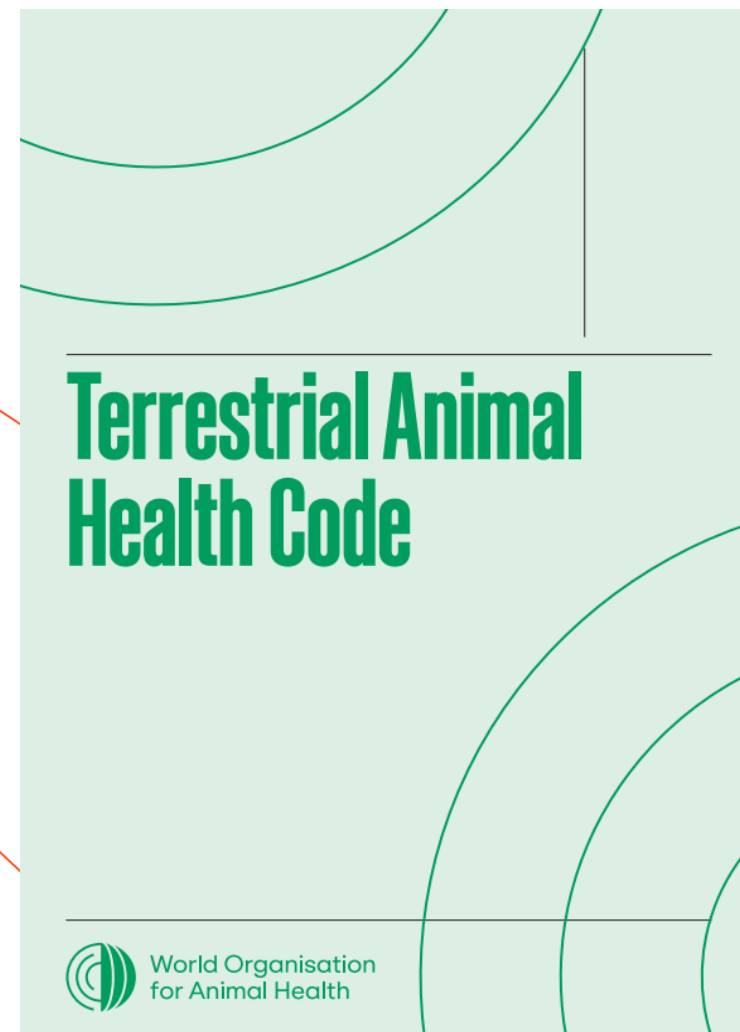


Horizontal Chapters (Vol. I)

- 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 8.8. Infection with FMD virus (Vol. II)

- General provisions, case definition (8.8.1.)
- Safe commodities (8.8.2.)
- Criteria for disease status: country, zone or compartment (8.8.3.-8.8.7.)
- **Establishment of a containment zone (8.8.10.)**
- **Recovery of free status (8.8.11.)**
- Provisions for import of commodities (8.8.12.-8.8.33.)
- FMDV inactivation (8.8.34.-8.8.41.)
- WOAHA endorsed official control programme for FMD (8.8.42.)
- FMD surveillance (8.8.43.- 8.8.45..)





Recovery of FMD-free status - measures and waiting periods

Recovery of FMD free status where vaccination is not practiced

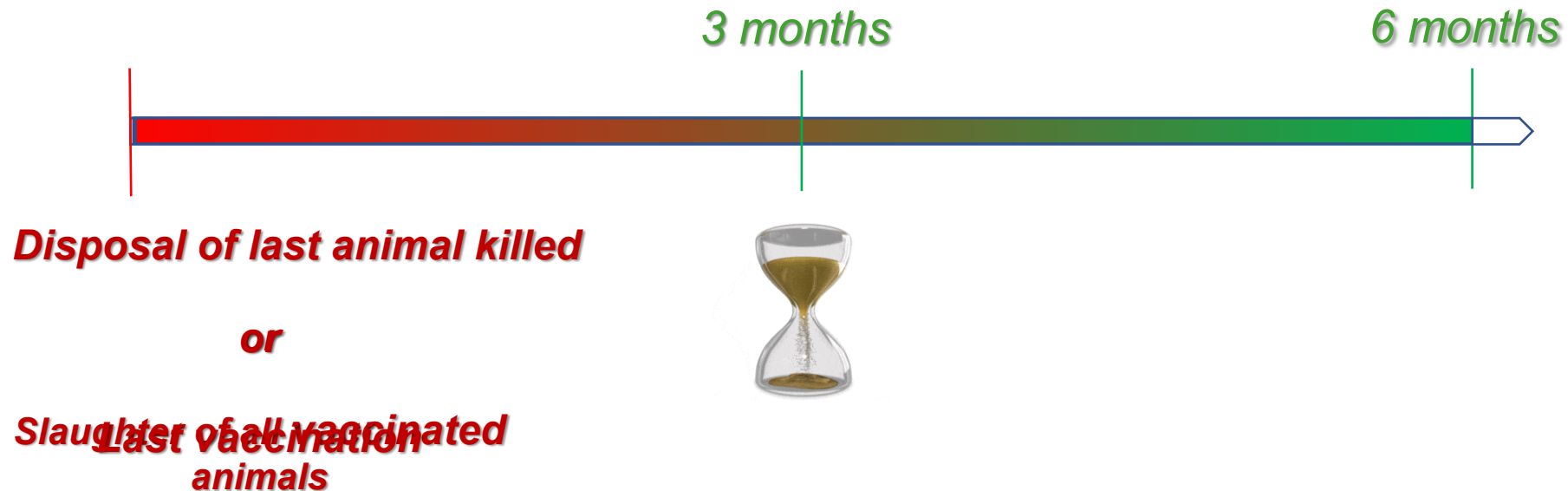
b) Stamping-out policy

No Emergency vaccination

Surveillance

Emergency vaccination

Surveillance



Recovery of free status after the
occurrence of an outbreak

Recovery of FMD free status where vaccination is not practiced

↪ **FMD free status where vaccination is practiced**

Stamping-out

Vaccination policy

Surveillance



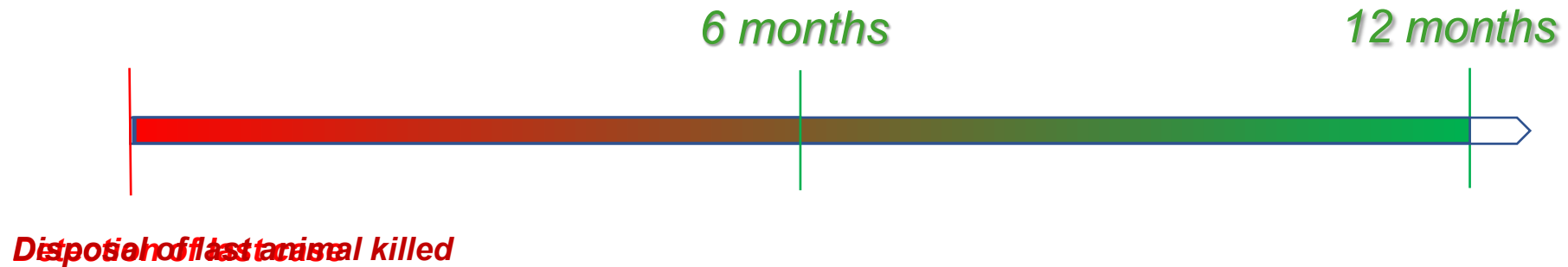
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Recovery of FMD free status where vaccination is practiced

a) ~~Stamping-out~~

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Recovery of free status after the
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Article 8.8.11. - Recovery of free status

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- ✓ Stamping-out policy
- ✓ Surveillance in accordance with 8.8.

6 months

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



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



Further to a suspension, a containment zone could be established in accordance with Chapter 4.4. of the *Terrestrial Code* and Art. 8.8.10. of FMD chapter

Procedure for application &
evaluation process for a
containment zone



Procedure for application &
evaluation process for a recovery

Containment zone for FMD
Article 8.8.10. of the *Terrestrial
Code*

Recovery of FMD free status
Article 8.8.11. of the *Terrestrial
Code*



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 8.8. Infection with FMDV - **Article 8.8.10.**
- 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



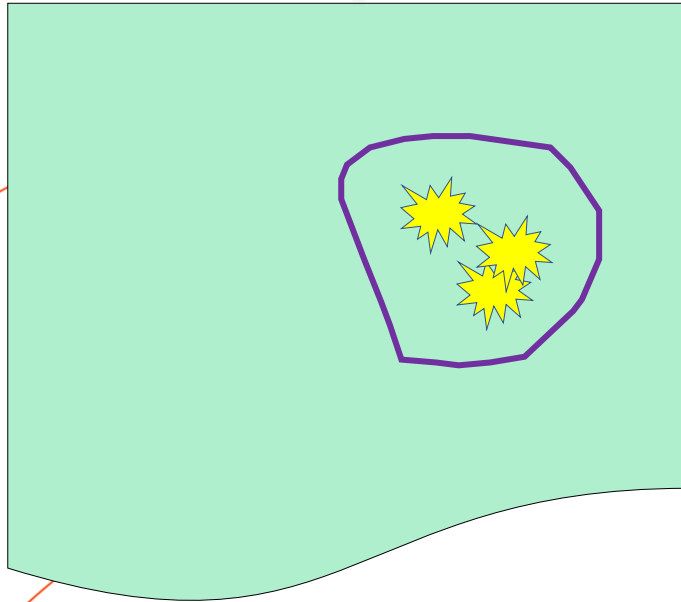


Requirements for establishing a containment zone for FMD – Article 8.8.10.

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 or another effective emergency control strategy aimed at eradicating the disease have 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 FMDV to the rest of the country
6. ongoing surveillance in place in the containment zone

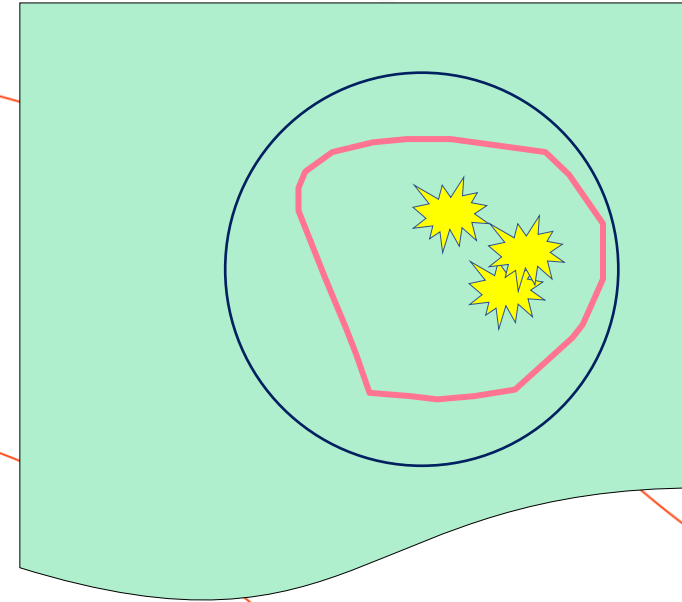
2 OPTIONS for establishing a containment zone – Article 4.4.7.

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- No outbreaks > 2 incubation periods (28d) after the disposal of the last detected case
- Case in the containment zone (**purple**) will result in suspension

2



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



Thank you

Official status page: www.woah.org/official-status

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Terrestrial Code and Manual:

www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/standards/codes-and-manuals/

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