

Questionnaire for countries applying for official recognition of BSE risk status

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A joint online seminar for veterinary authorities of the EAEU member-states on the topic " WOAH standards and recommendations on Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy: Terrestrial Animal Health Code update."

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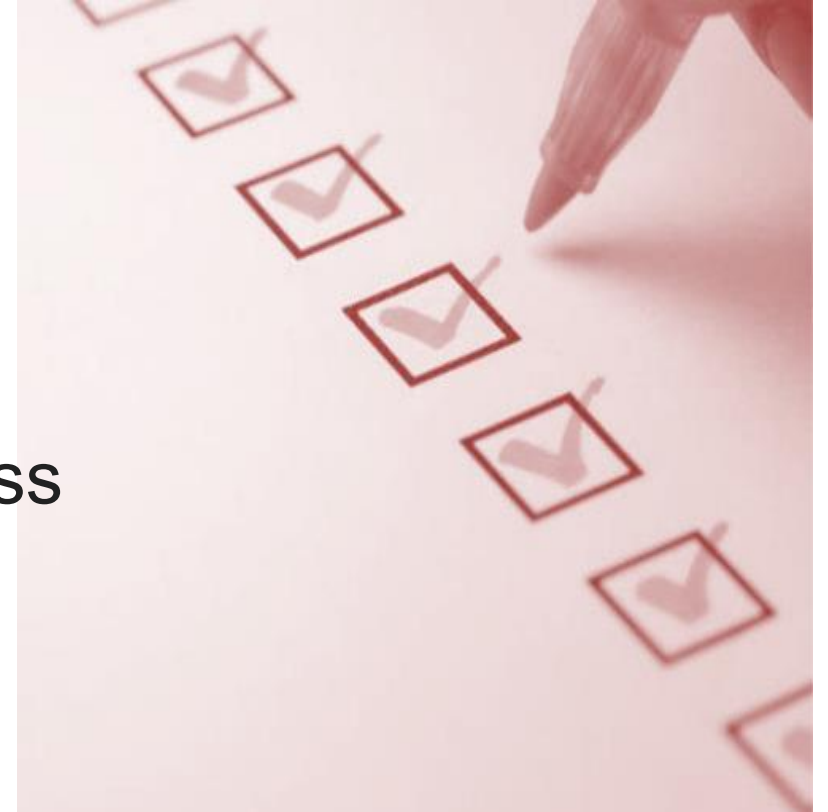
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Outline

- Goals of the questionnaire
- Questionnaire themes/topics
- Do's and don'ts (shortcomings)
- Questions

Goals of the questionnaire

- Assist Members
- Facilitate experts' work
- Transparency and consistency of the process
- Standardise the evaluation



BSE negligible/controlled risk country/zone status (Articles 11.4.4. and 11.4.3)

Questionnaire: Chapter 1.8.





Introduction

- Geographical features, including whether NCTs are included or not.
Administrative divisions.
- General presentation/overview of the structure of the veterinary services, and responsibilities.
- Controlled or negligible risk status?



Legislation

Legislation related to BSE (links, annexes)	Date of promulgation	Date of implementation	Brief description of the relevance to mitigating the risk associated with BSE



To be provided in one of the three official WOAH languages



Veterinary system

- 1) Describe compliance with Chapters 1.1., 3.2. and 3.3.
- 2) Summary of PVS evaluation, highlighting the results relevant to BSE, if done within the past 5 years.
- 3) Describe how the Veterinary Services supervise, control, enforce and monitor all BSE-related activities.
- 4) Describe the involvement of all stakeholders in the control of BSE.
- 5) Describe the official bovine identification, registration, traceability and movement control system.



Provide evidence of effectiveness of these measures!



BSE risk assessment (entry)

Evaluate the likelihood that the classical BSE agent has been introduced into the country or zone through the importation of commodities.

The commodities to be considered in the entry assessment are:

- ✓ bovines;
- ✓ ruminant-derived protein meal;
- ✓ feed (except packaged and labelled pet food) that contains ruminant-derived protein meal;
- ✓ fertilizers that contain ruminant-derived protein meal;
- ✓ any other commodity that either is or could be contaminated by commodities listed in Article 11.4.15.

Period of interest: past 8 years



BSE risk assessment (exposure)

Evaluate the likelihood of bovines being exposed to the classical BSE agent either through imported commodities or as a result of the presence of classical BSE within the country/zone's population.

Period of interest: past 8 years

Livestock industry practices
Demographics
Feeding practices
Slaughtering and waste management practices
Rendering practices
Feed production, labelling, distribution and storage
Conclusion



BSE risk assessment (exposure)

Evaluation of BSE-specific risk mitigation measures

Nature and scope of feed ban

Management of commodities with greatest BSE infectivity

Parameters of rendering process

Cross-contamination

Awareness: feed ban

Monitoring and enforcement of the feed ban

Conclusion

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BSE risk assessment (consequence)

Evaluate the likelihood of bovines becoming infected following exposure to the classical BSE agent together with the likely extent and duration of any subsequent recycling and amplification.

Period of interest: past 8 years

- ✓ Evaluate the likely extent of recycling of the classical BSE agent within the bovine population.
- ✓ Conclusions



BSE risk assessment (risk estimation)

Combines the results and the conclusions arising from the entry, exposure and consequence assessments to provide an overall measure of the risk of the classical BSE agent being recycled within the bovine population.

- a) Provide a summary of the entry and exposure assessments and the conclusions reached.
- b) If applicable, provide a summary of the consequence assessment, and the conclusions reached.



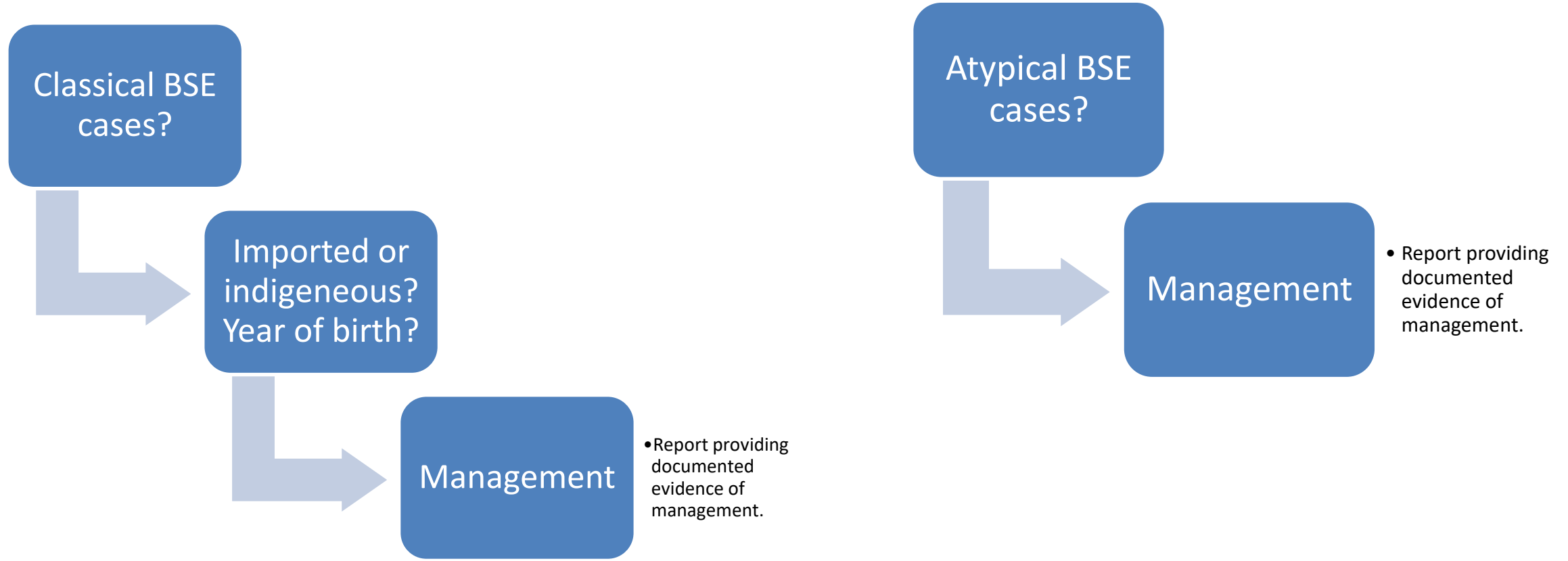
Surveillance

- 1) Awareness and training programmes.
- 2) BSE reporting system.
- 3) Laboratory testing.
- 4) Animals targeted for BSE surveillance.

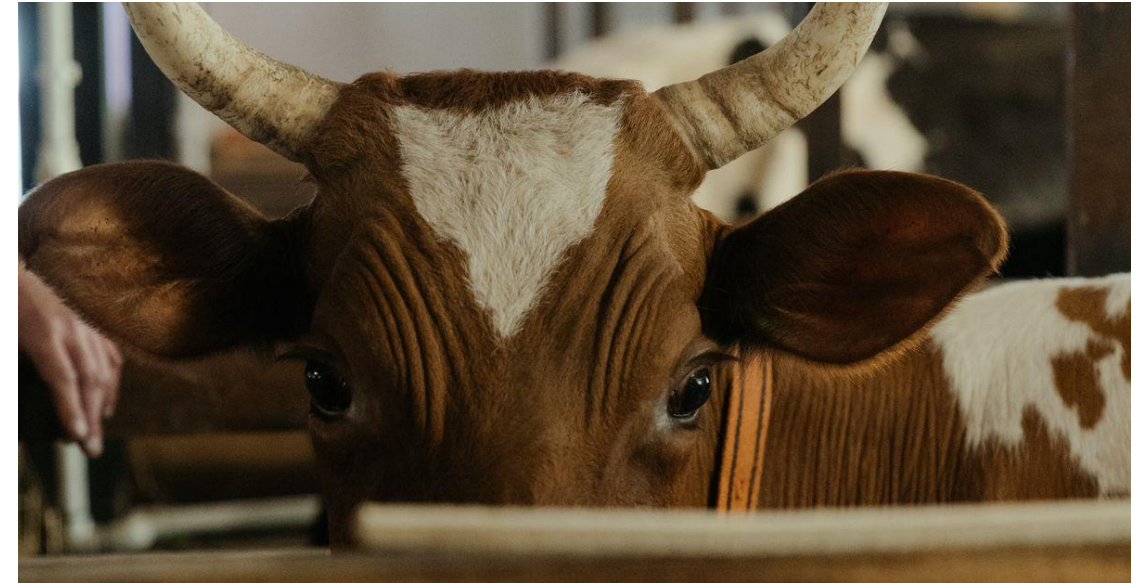
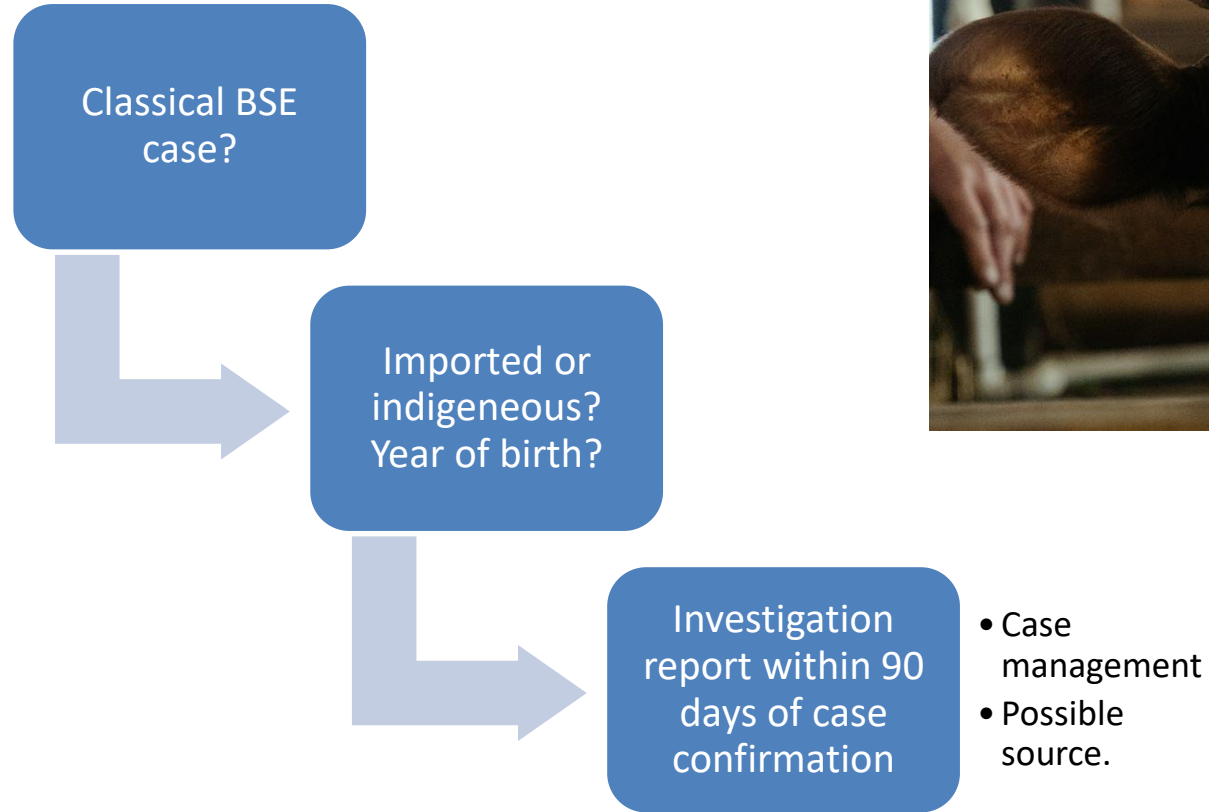


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History of occurrence and management



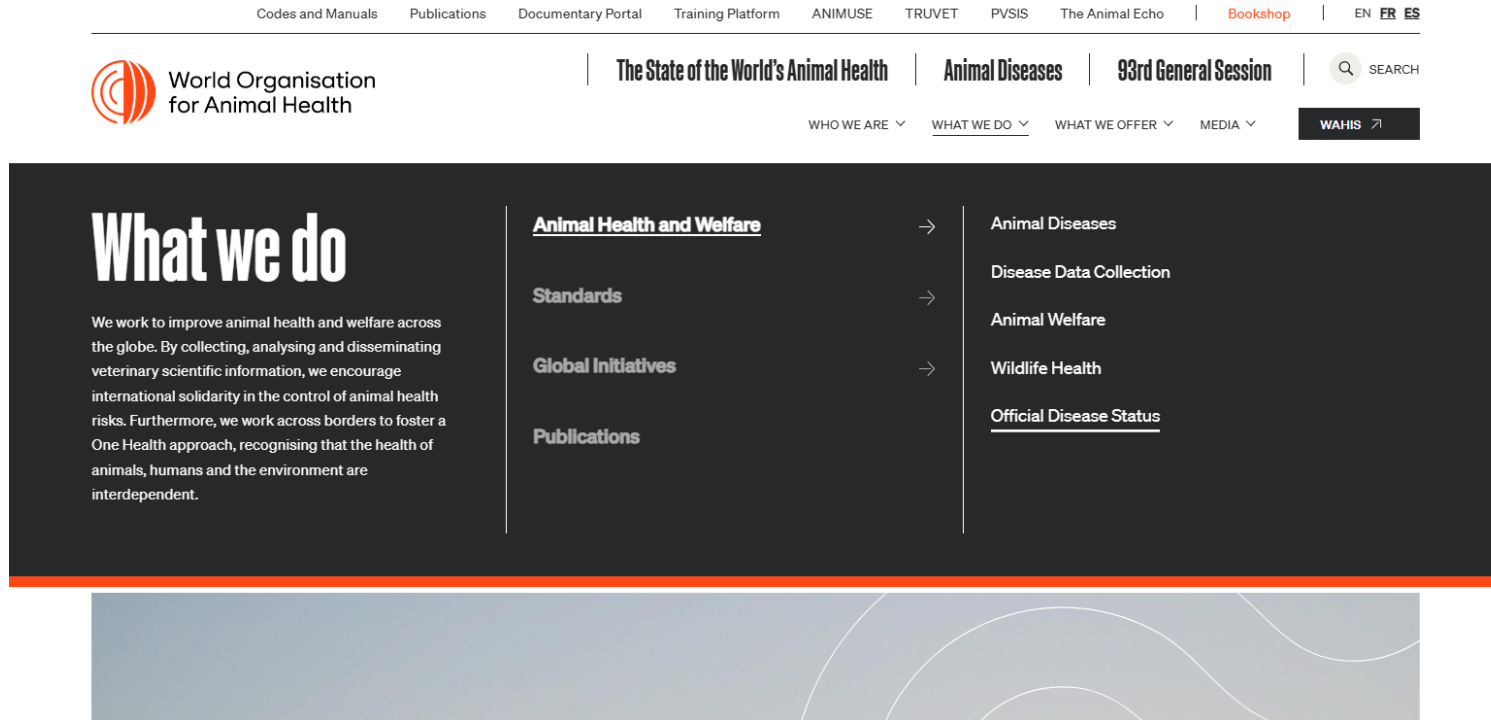
Maintenance



Shortcomings

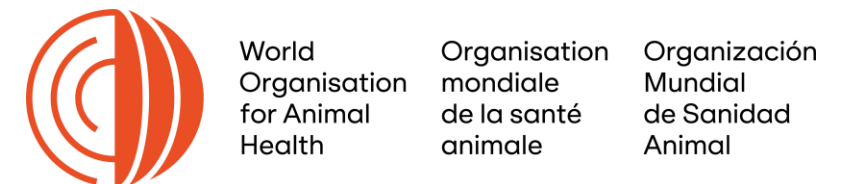
DON'T	DO
Omit the gaps identified	Acknowledge the gaps and explain how they are being (or will be) addressed
Refer to regional legislation	Use WOAH terminology and refer to WOAH standards (<i>Terrestrial Code and Manual</i>)
Presume all stakeholders are aware of what to notice, how to report and deal with suspicions	Conduct training and test your early warning system regularly;
Submit incomplete information	Respond in full to all questions of the questionnaire and any subsequent questions raised by WOAH and <i>ad hoc</i> Group experts
Assert and leave statements without explanation	Provide supportive data & info; be detailed DEMONSTRATE BY EVIDENCE!
Presume the reader/evaluating experts will know	Describe in detail like explaining to a layperson Put yourself in the experts' shoes
Stay silent	Contact your RR/SRR or HQ Status Dept if you have any questions!

Where to find the questionnaire?



The screenshot shows the WOAH website header with navigation links: Codes and Manuals, Publications, Documentary Portal, Training Platform, ANIMUSE, TRUVET, PVSIS, The Animal Echo, Bookshop, and language options EN, FR, ES. The main navigation includes 'The State of the World's Animal Health', 'Animal Diseases', and '93rd General Session'. A search bar is also present. The 'WHAT WE DO' dropdown menu is expanded, showing a list of categories: Animal Health and Welfare, Standards, Global Initiatives, and Publications. Under 'Animal Health and Welfare', there are sub-links for Animal Diseases, Disease Data Collection, Animal Welfare, Wildlife Health, and Official Disease Status. The 'What we do' section text reads: 'We work to improve animal health and welfare across the globe. By collecting, analysing and disseminating veterinary scientific information, we encourage international solidarity in the control of animal health risks. Furthermore, we work across borders to foster a One Health approach, recognising that the health of animals, humans and the environment are interdependent.'

[Questionnaire in English](#)



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Thank You!

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