

Standard Operating Procedure for official recognition of disease status and endorsement of an official control programme

Совместный онлайн семинар для
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наземных животных”

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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Outline

- Importance of WOAHA official recognition
- Overview of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP)

Official recognition of animal health status

- **Great significance for international trade and constitutes one of the most important legal links between WOAHA and the World Trade Organisation (WTO).**
- **Benefits of official recognition of animal health status include:**
 - Demonstration of compliance with WOAHA international standards;
 - Protection of animal and human health in international trade;
 - Facilitation of safe trade of animals and their products;
 - Demonstration of the quality of Veterinary Services.

WOAH official recognition of animal health status

Overview of the Standard Operating Procedure for official recognition of animal health status & endorsement of control programmes



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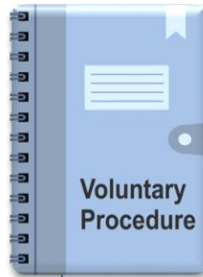
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Standard Operating Procedure for official recognition of animal health status and for the endorsement of official control programmes of Members

Description/ Scope:	This procedure describes the process for the preparation, assessment and approval of dossiers for the official recognition of animal health status and for the endorsement of official control programmes of Members.
Related documents:	Guidelines for the Official Status Recognition Process ¹ (Annexed) Resolution No. 15 of the 2020 Adapted Procedure Resolution No. 16 of the 2020 Adapted Procedure
Related processes:	Expert Mission Deployment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Procedure (Mission_SOP) - Guidelines (Mission_Guidelines) Reconfirmation of a Status or Programme <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Procedure (Reconfirmation_SOP) - Guidelines (Reconfirmation_Guidelines) Suspension, Recovery and Withdrawal <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Procedure (Suspension_SOP) - Guidelines (Suspension_Guidelines) Addendum: Establishment of a protection zone
List of acronyms:	AHG: <i>ad hoc</i> Group Assembly: World Assembly of Delegates DDG: Deputy Director General, Standards and Science DG: Director General SD: Status Department GS: General Session SCAD: Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases <i>Terrestrial Code: Terrestrial Animal Health Code</i>

Step	Time Reference	Responsible person	Action	Reference Document
1.	After the GS	DG	Sends letter to Delegates confirming SCAD and AHGs dates and deadlines for dossiers submission.	
	2 months			5 A

The procedure



A voluntary procedure developed on Members' request



Resolutions adopted by the World Assembly



SOPs and rules & guidelines



Updated when relevant

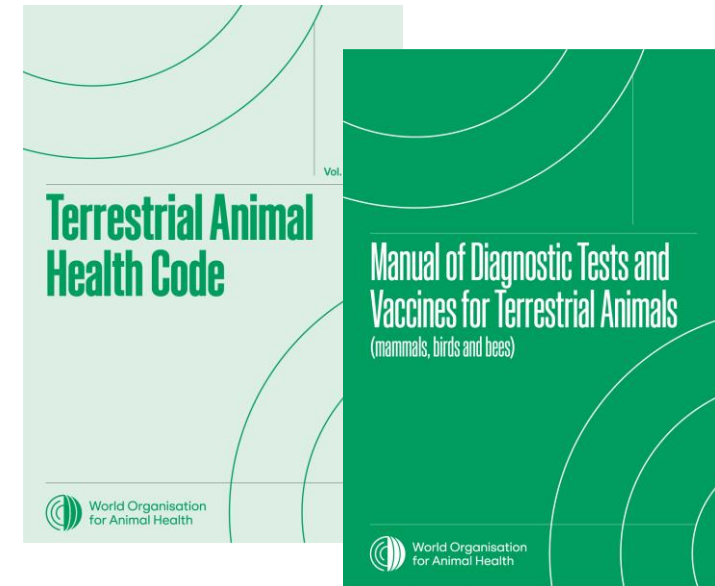


Available online in the three WOAHP official languages

<https://www.woah.org/en/what-we-do/animal-health-and-welfare/official-disease-status/>

The procedure: Submission of an application

- Compliance with the relevant provisions of the *Terrestrial Code*: **Chapter 11.4.**
- Complete – relevant to template **Questionnaire (Chapter 1.8.)** in the *Terrestrial Code* (also on WOAHP website) – **documented evidence**
- 50 pages + appendices (cross-referenced) + executive summary
- Digitalised map if relevant (zone)
- Proof of payment – fee
- Contact details of technical staff



Demonstrate by **EVIDENCE**

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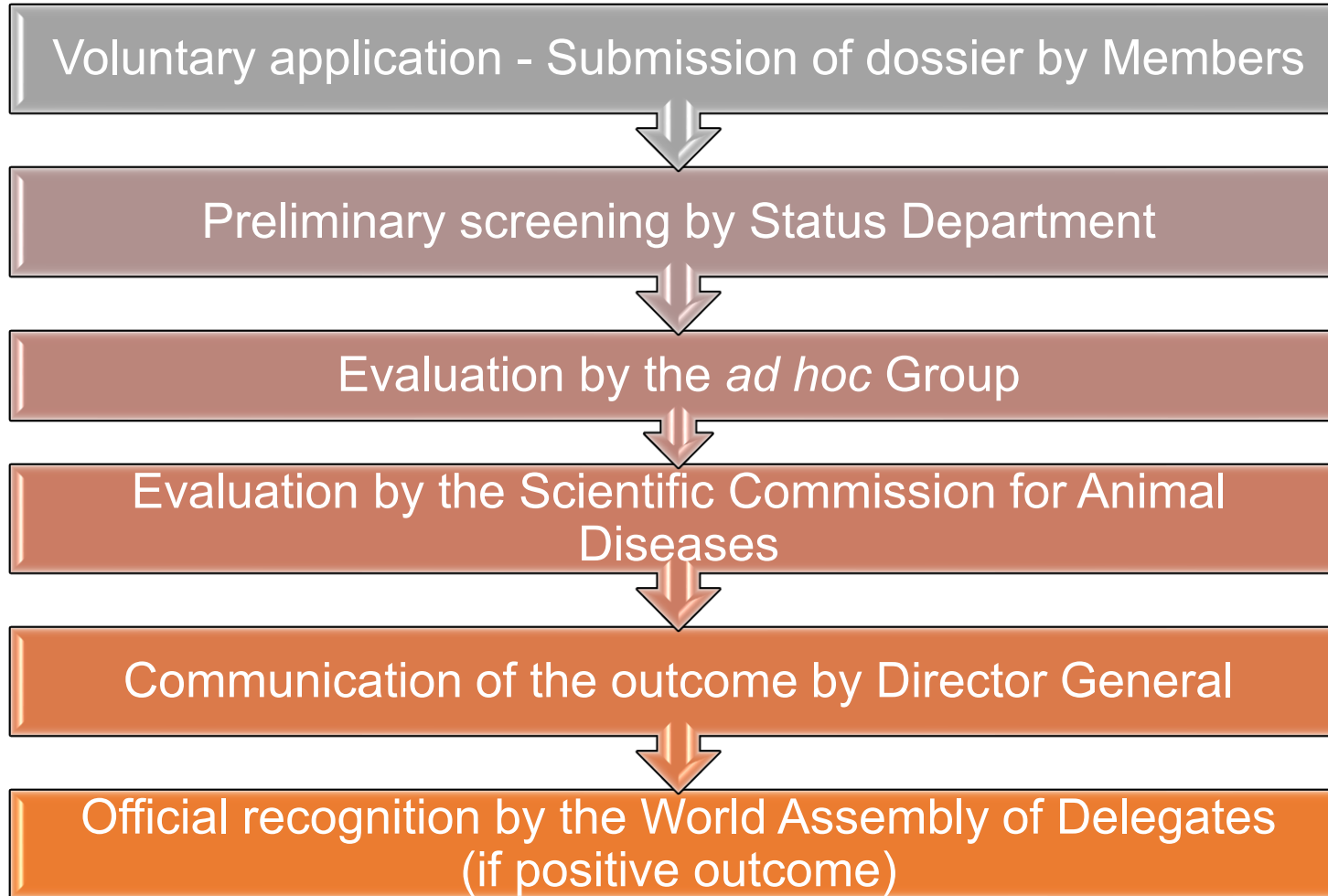
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Dates of official status evaluation ad hoc Groups

Disease	Dates	Deadline for submission
BSE	28–30 September 2026	30 July 2026
FMD	13–15 October 2026	14 August 2026
Dog-mediated rabies	20–22 October 2026	21 August 2026
PPR	20–22 October 2026	21 August 2026
AHS	9–10 November 2026	10 September 2026
CBPP	9–10 November 2026	10 September 2026
CSF	17–19 November 2026	18 September 2026

The procedure: evaluation



The procedure: Preliminary screening



Archiving and screening



Acknowledge receipt of the submission to the Delegate



Request of additional information or amended dossier, if gap(s) identified



Submission in one of the 3 WOAHA official languages (ENG, FR or SP)



Processing for the *ad hoc* Group

The procedure: Evaluation by the *ad hoc* group

An *ad hoc* Group:

- Usually comprised of six internationally recognised experts
- Takes into consideration geographical representation and gender balance, when possible.



Assessment against *Terrestrial Code* requirements

Based on:

Information from the application and other Member reports submitted to WOA (e.g., WAHIS, PVS)

Experts' knowledge

Information available in the public domain

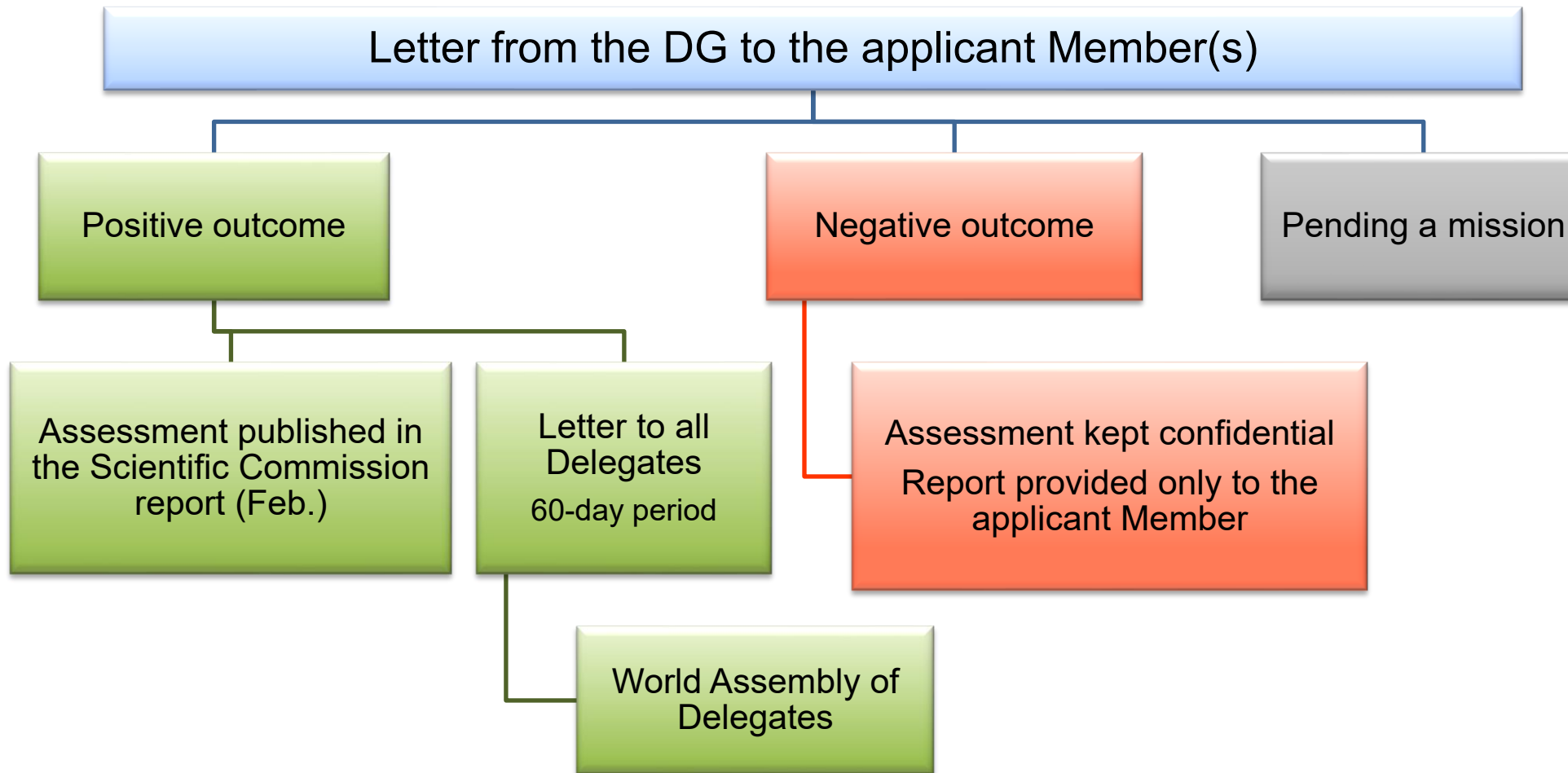
Possible interaction (electronic) with the applicant Member

Detailed evaluation report and recommendations forwarded to the Scientific Commission

The procedure: Evaluation by the *Scientific Commission*

- Scientific Commission: Members elected by the World Assembly of Delegates for a three-year term
- Assess the dossier, including the *ad hoc* Group recommendations
- Possible interaction with
 - The chairperson of the *ad hoc* Group
 - Applicant Members, including a possible visit of a delegation
 - /!\ official request to WOAHA by the Delegate before 31 December
- Final recommendation proposed for adoption by the World Assembly of Delegates
- **May request an expert mission (field or virtual) to verify the dossier**

The procedure: communication of the outcome



The procedure: official recognition

**By adoption of a
Resolution by the
World Assembly of
Delegates at the
General Session**



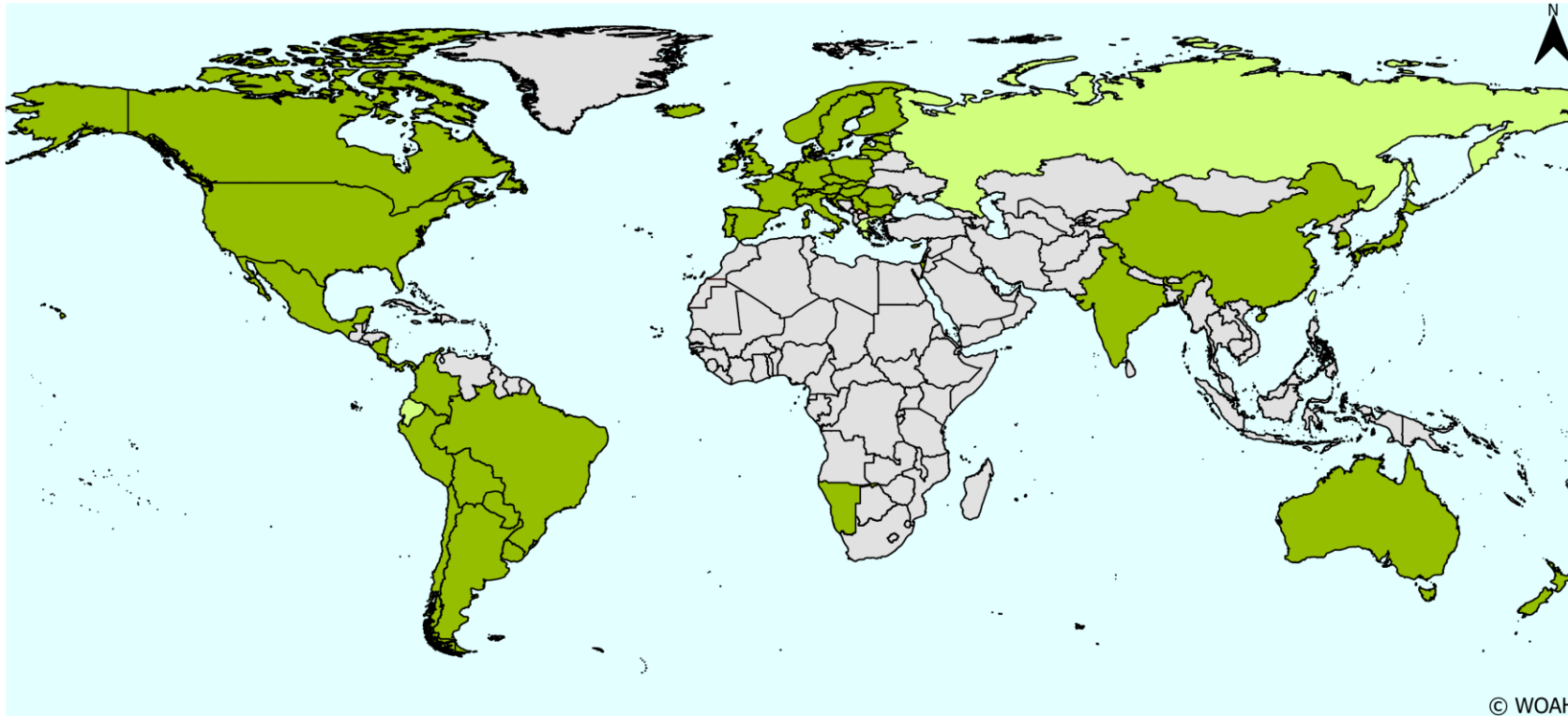
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ANIMAL HEALTH STATUS

Current BSE risk status of Members

WOAH Members' official BSE risk status map

Last update May 2026



- Negligible risk Members: 53
- Negligible risk zones: 5
- Controlled risk Members: 4

- Members and zones recognised as having a negligible BSE risk status
- Members and zones recognised as having a controlled BSE risk status
- Countries and zones without an official BSE risk status

СПАСИБО ЗА ВНИМАНИЕ!

Thank You!



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