WOAH's activities on Substandard & Falsified Veterinary Products (SFVPs) : Introducing TRUVET

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< Photo of Genuine Product >





What are SFVPs?

Two different problems. Both are in scope for TRUVET.

SUBSTANDARD

"Authorised veterinary products that fail to meet either their quality standards or their specifications, or both."

In practice

- A genuine, registered product
- Wrong strength, poor stability or contamination
- Often caused by poor manufacturing, storage or transport

FALSIFIED

"Unauthorised veterinary products that deliberately or fraudulently misrepresent their identity, composition or source."

In practice

- Fake label or packaging
- Wrong, little or no active ingredient
- False manufacturer or origin: a deliberate crime

Out of scope: Registered products are priortised in TRUVET than unregistered products.

Why SFVPs matter

More than a quality problem: a One Health threat.

52%

of 1,246 veterinary medicines tested in studies across Asia and Africa were substandard or falsified

Vidhamaly et al., BMJ Global Health, 2022

Animal health

Treatments and vaccines fail: higher mortality, longer infections, outbreaks spread

AMR & food safety

Under-dosed antimicrobials drive resistance; residues threaten food safety

Farmers & economy

Lost animals and income; disrupted markets and trade

Trust

Confidence in genuine medicines, vaccines and Veterinary Services erodes

A regulatory problem

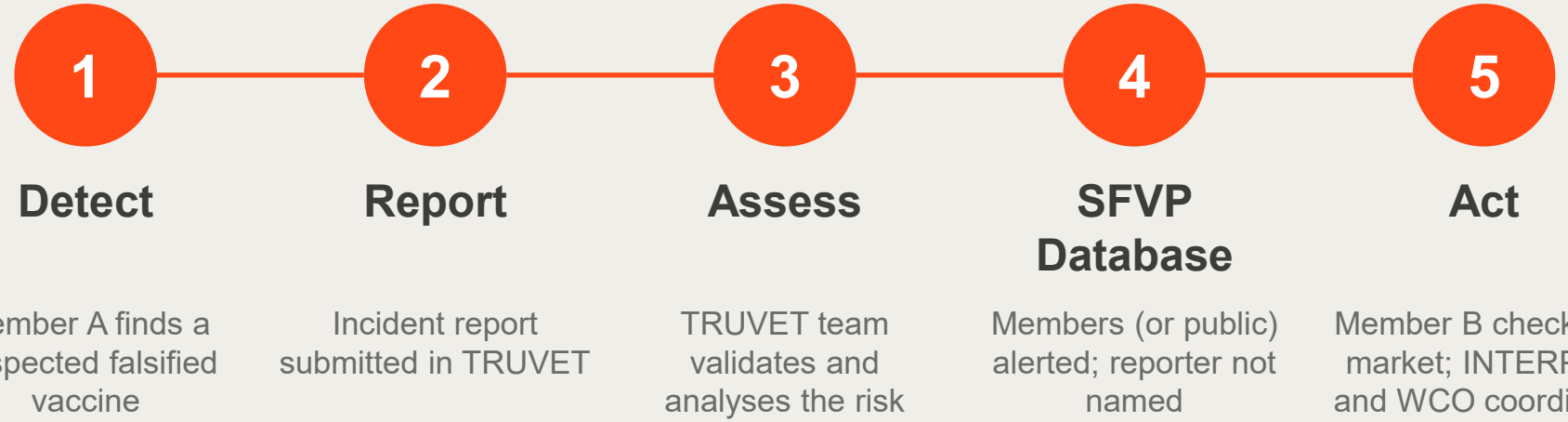
SFVPs enter where the regulatory system is weak.

Where SFVPs get in	What closes the gap	Baseline Report asks about
Weak legal basis, limited enforcement	**Legislation** and enforcement powers	**Legislation**
Products sold without assessment	**Registration** / marketing authorisation	**Responsibilities for registration**
Quality never checked after approval	**Quality** systems and post-market lab testing	**Quality systems, labs, samples tested**
Illegal channels and online sales	Supply-chain control, **traceability**, recall	**Recall and traceability**
Harm goes unnoticed	**Pharmacovigilance**	**Pharmacovigilance**

The Baseline Report is a self-assessment of your VP regulatory system.

Why share incidents?

SFVPs cross borders. Detection in one country protects all.



What a shared SFVP database gives every Member

Early warning

See threats in other Members before they reach your market

Patterns

Trends across products, routes and regions show where to act

Evidence

Data to justify resources, legislation and laboratory capacity

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Fighting substandard and falsified veterinary products

WOAH addresses the circulation of substandard and falsified veterinary products (SFVPs) through its SFVP programme. The more Members participate in its surveillance initiatives, the stronger the global response to SFVPs – ensuring only safe, effective veterinary medicines reach the market.

Monitor SFVPs

through the **TRUVET** and **raise awareness** on the dangers of SFVPs

Develop guidelines to support Members

in the prevention, detection and response to SFVPs

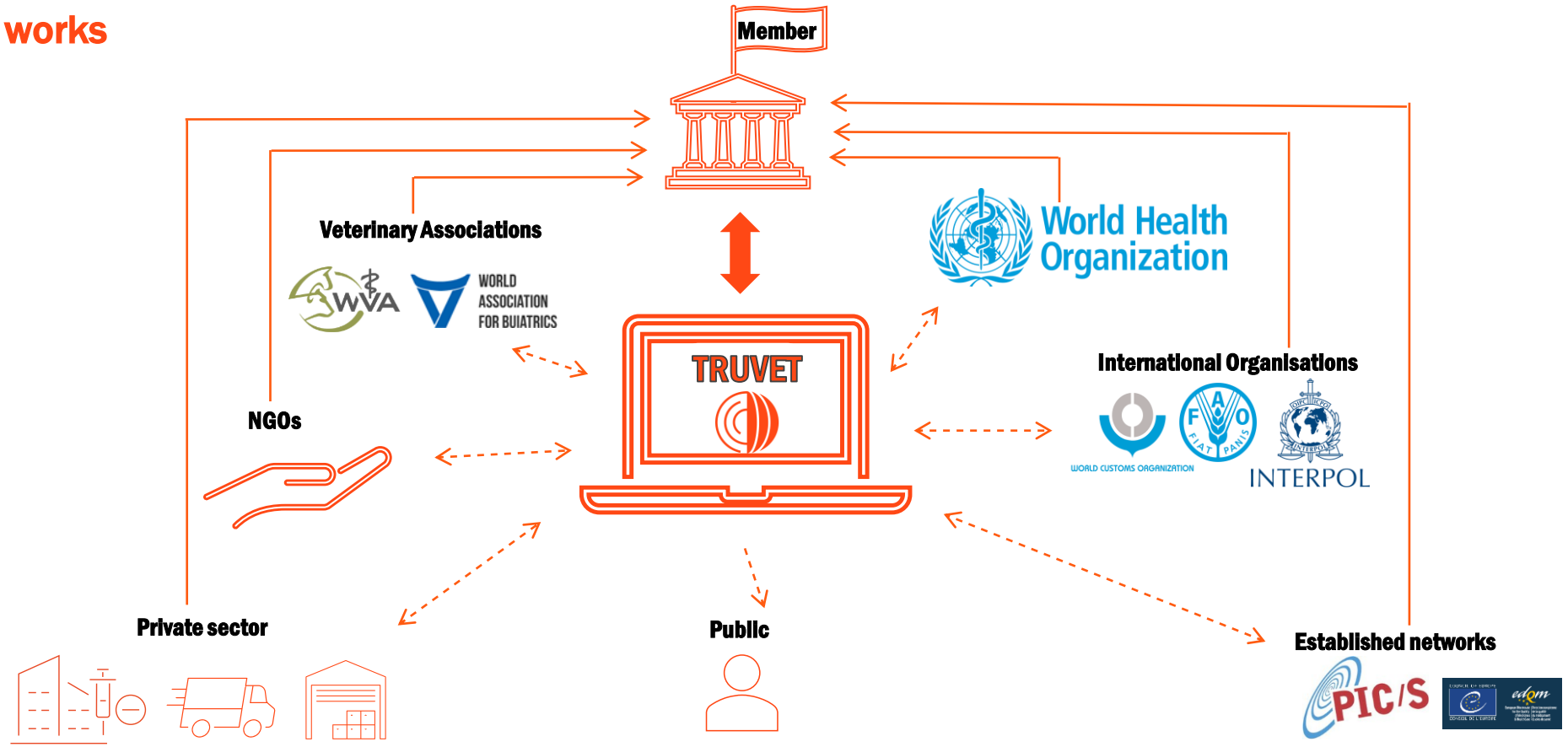
Establish regional laboratory networks

and identify technologies that can help to detect SFVPs in the field

Collaborate on a response to SFVPs

with **key partners such as Customs and INTERPOL**

How TRUVET works





WOAH's Track and Report Unsafe VETerinary products is the only global system specifically developed to collect, assess and share incidents of unsafe veterinary products in real time

https://truvet.woah.org/en/home/

Strengthen monitoring and reporting systems

Facilitate data interoperability with existing systems and networks

Issue targeted alerts & recommendations to Members, partners, and the public

Protect reputation of genuine stakeholders, veterinary services, and veterinary professionals

Analyse trends, to predict and prevent risks globally & regionally

Share intelligence with INTERPOL and WCO for coordinated enforcement

WOAH Delegates and focal points,
Veterinary regulators,
Collaborating and Reference Centres,
Private sector,
International organisations,
Other stakeholders in VMP oversight

Who can access?

Members (Countries/territories)

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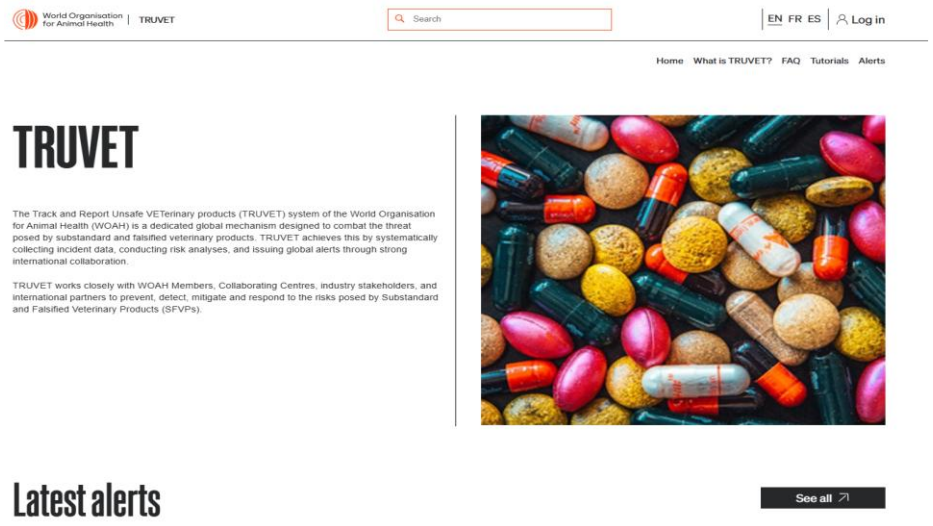
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WOAH Focal Point VP (FPVP)
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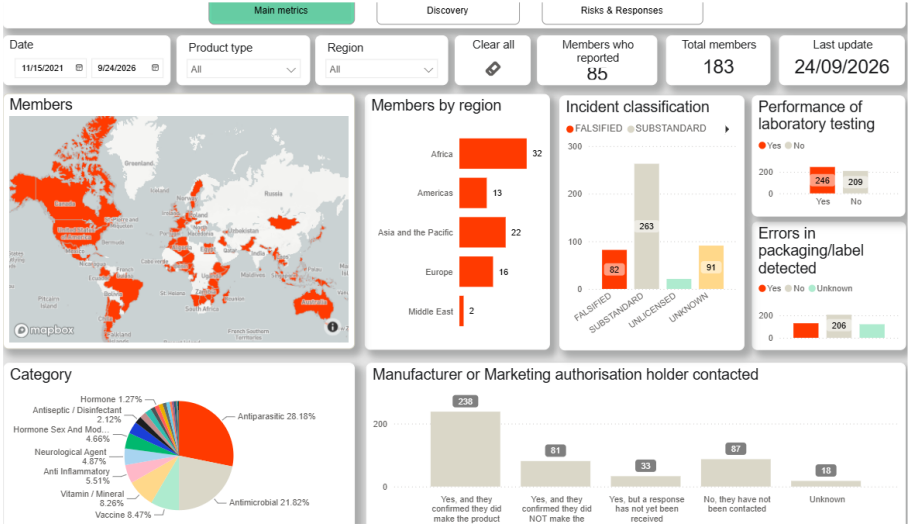
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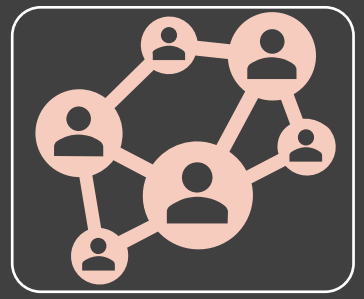
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Public

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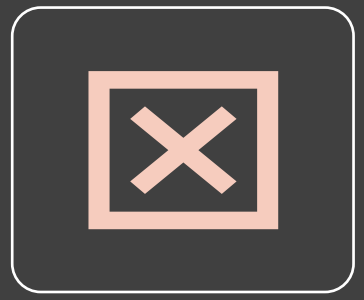
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Updated annually



Incident Report

Anytime SFVPs are discovered



Declaration of Absence

Every 30 days after the last report



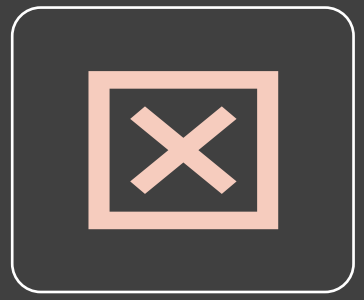
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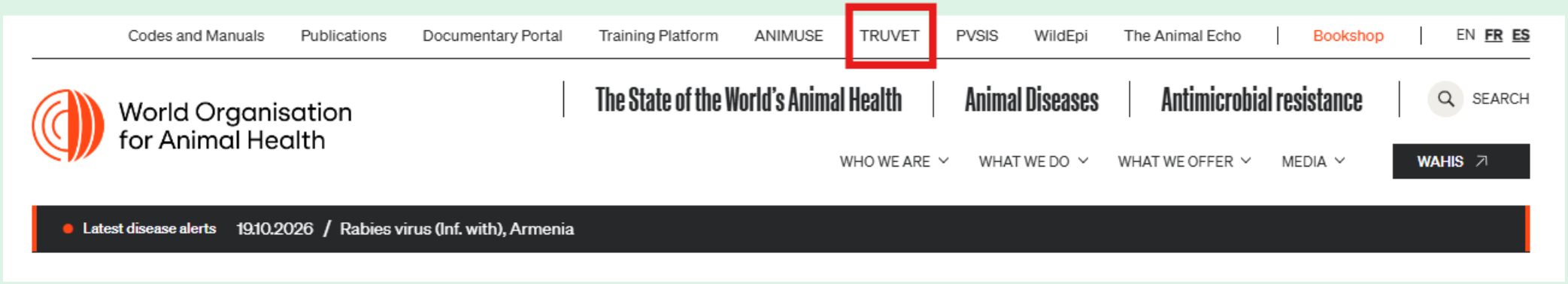
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Hands on exercise



- **Baseline Reporting**
- **Reporting Incidents through TRUVET (DEMO)**

https://www.woah.org/en/home/



Why submit it?

Annual. Members only. TRUVET uses the data recorded as of 15 November each year.

1 Know your own system

A structured self-assessment: legislation, registration, quality, labs, traceability, pharmacovigilance

2 Give context to reports

Zero reports from a Member without lab testing is not zero SFVPs. The Baseline gives the context to read every report

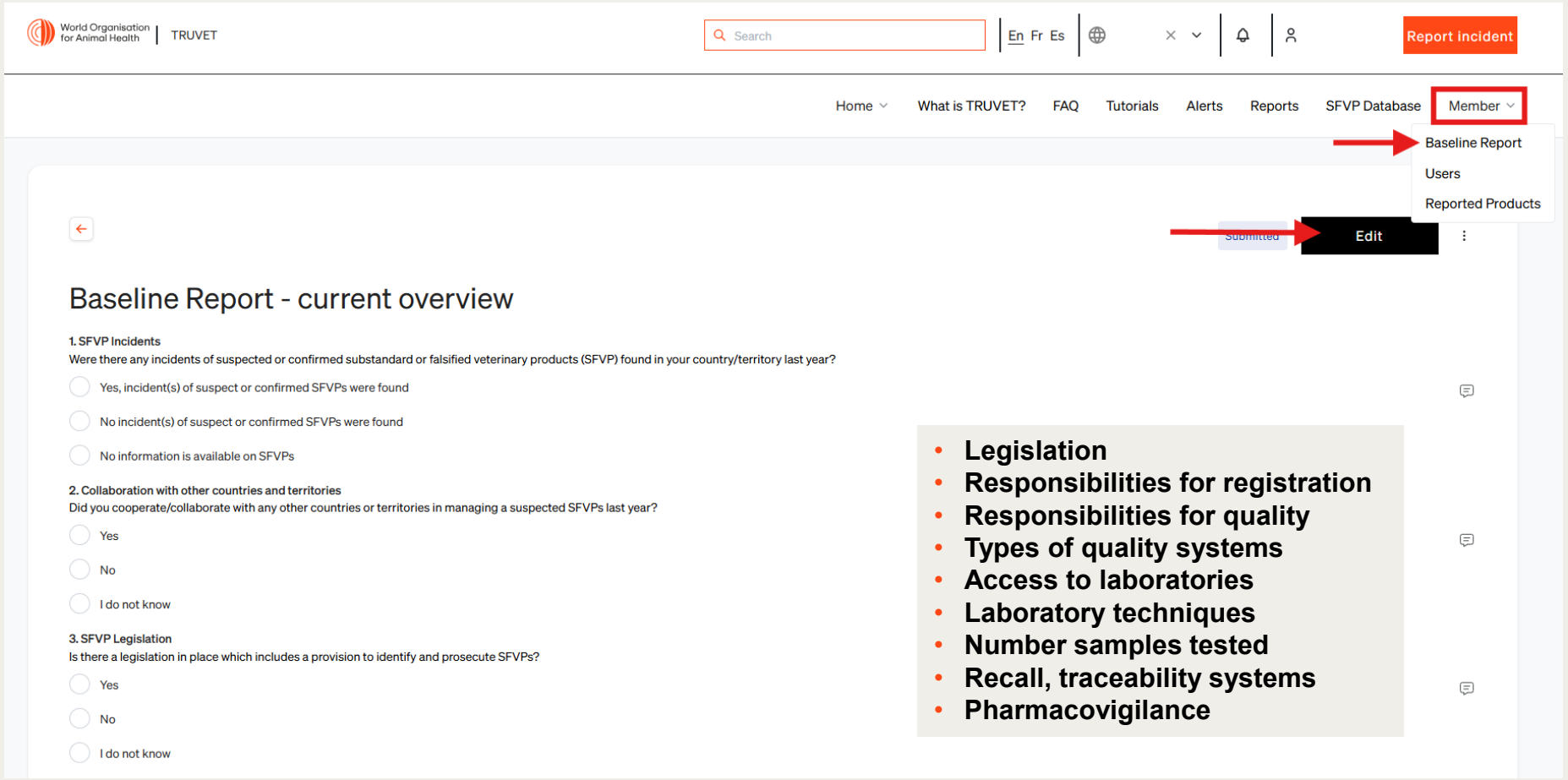
3 Target support

Shows WOAH where to focus capacity building, laboratory networks and guidelines

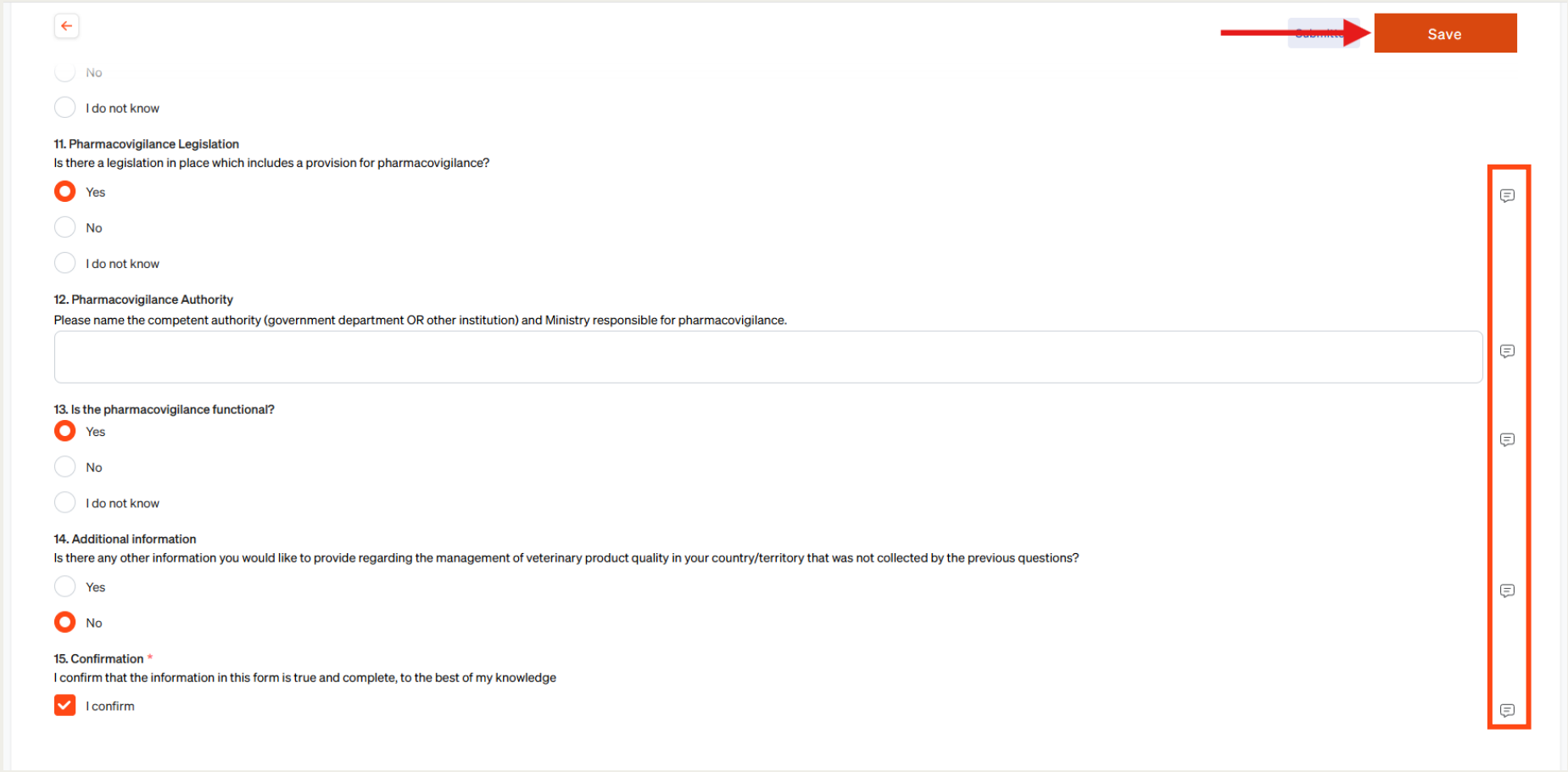
4 Track progress

Updated every year, it shows how your system improves over time

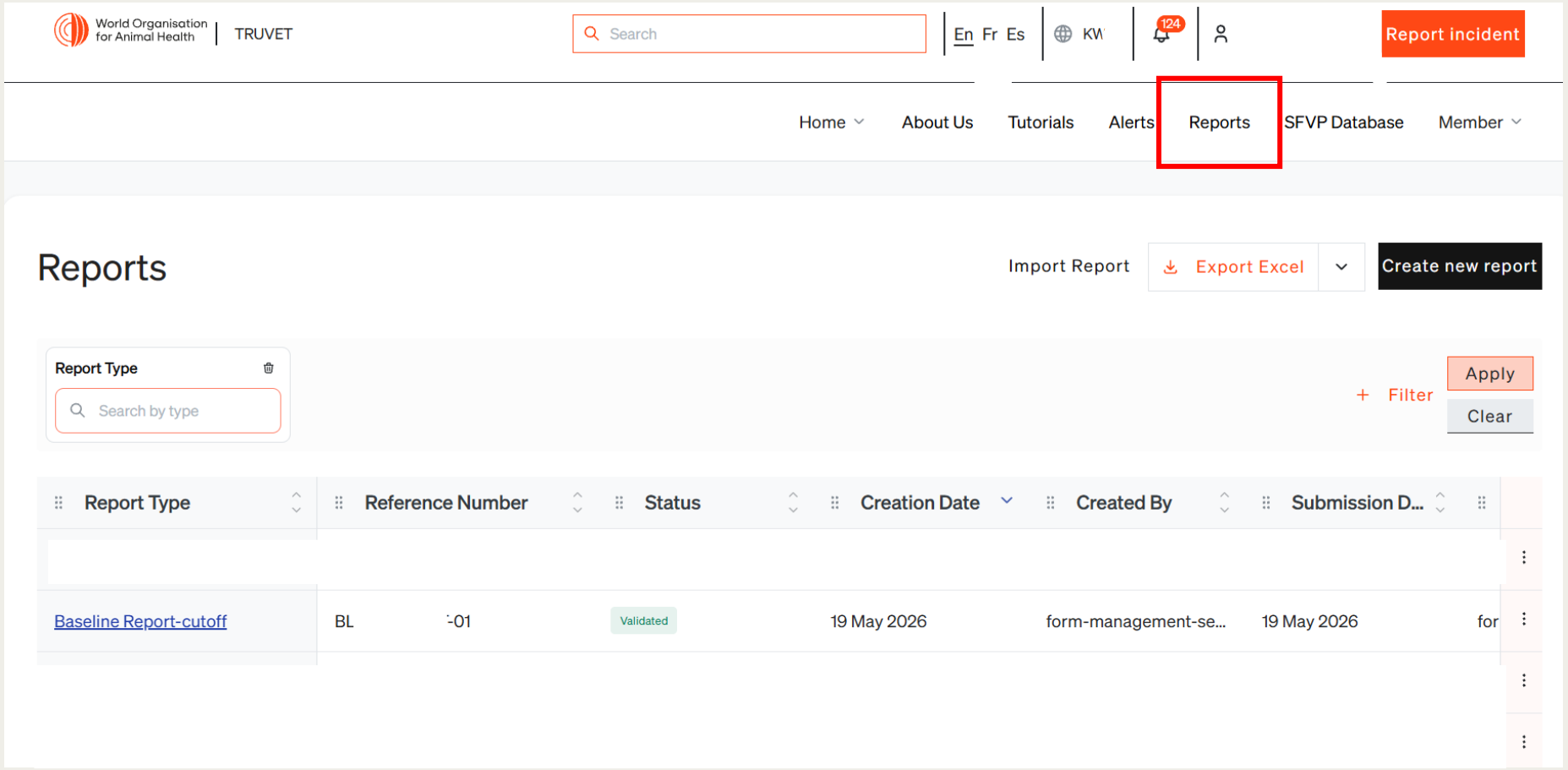
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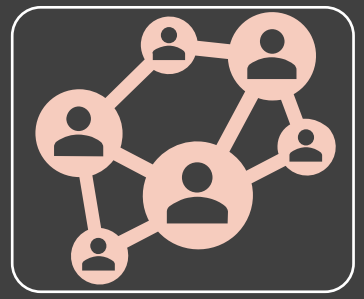


How to submit: complete and save



Where to check your reports





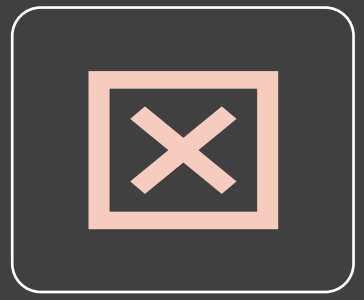
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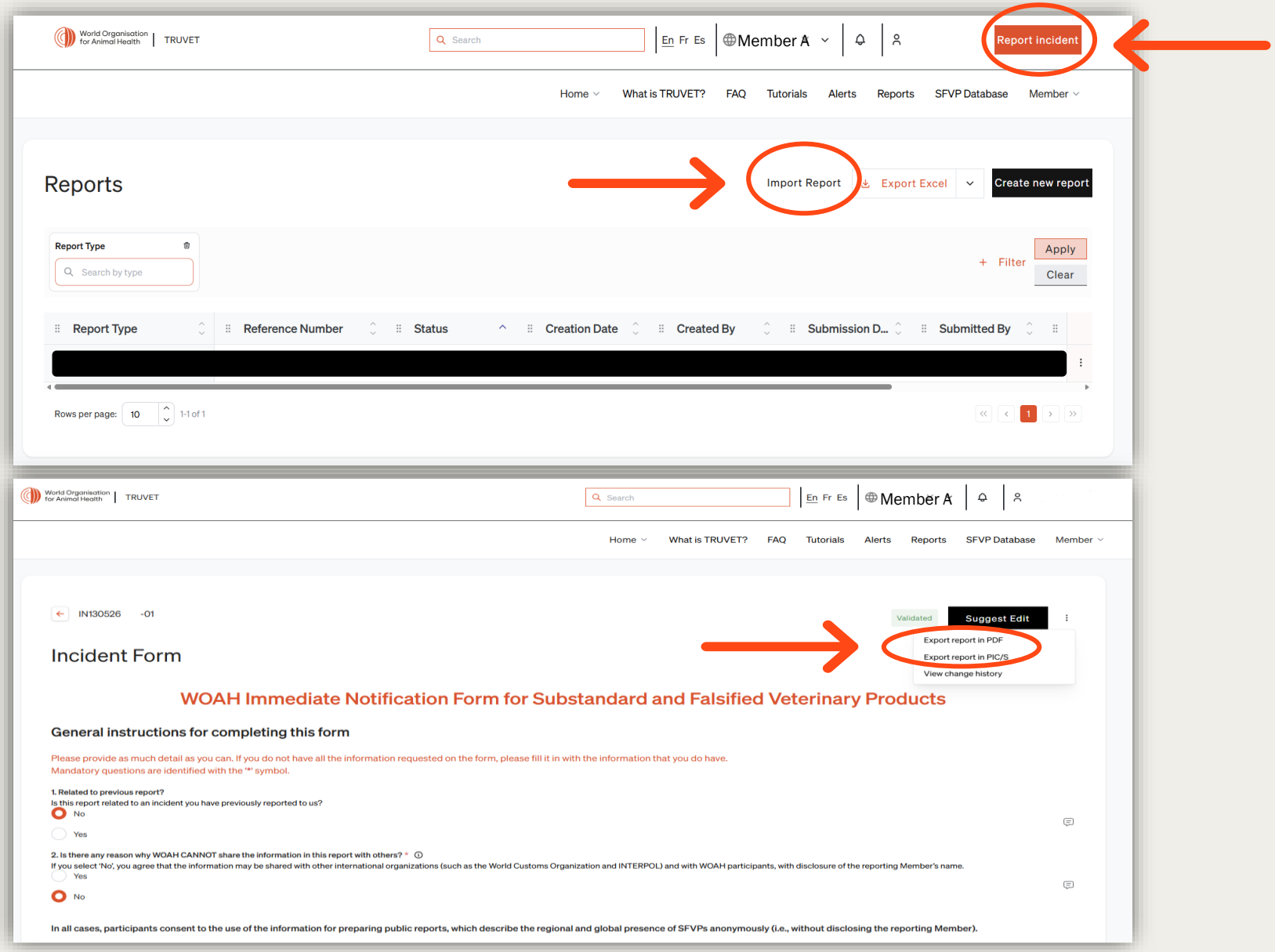
What happens after you report

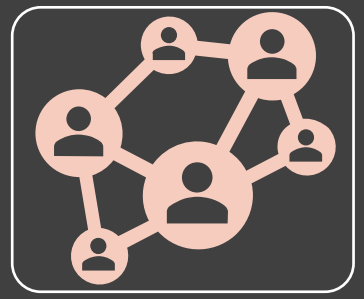
Submit	You report a suspected or confirmed SFVP
Validate	TRUVET team validates and analyses the risk; may contact you for details or offer support
Decide	Structured decision tree: no alert, alert to Members, or public alert
Inform	Marketing authorisation holder and affected Members are informed

Reporting is not a failure

- Only validated, confirmed cases are shared with Members
- The identity of the reporting Member is not disclosed
- A report shows your surveillance system works
- Report suspected cases too: validation is TRUVET's job

How to submit: any time an SFVP is found





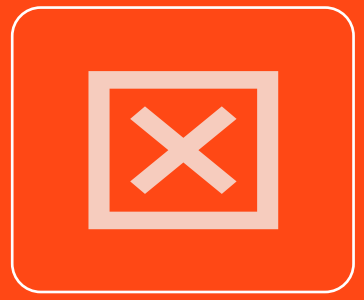
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Why declare absence?

Every 30 days without any report, you are prompted to confirm.

Incident Report

SFVP detected

Action can start

Declaration of Absence

Surveillance active, nothing found

Your zero counts

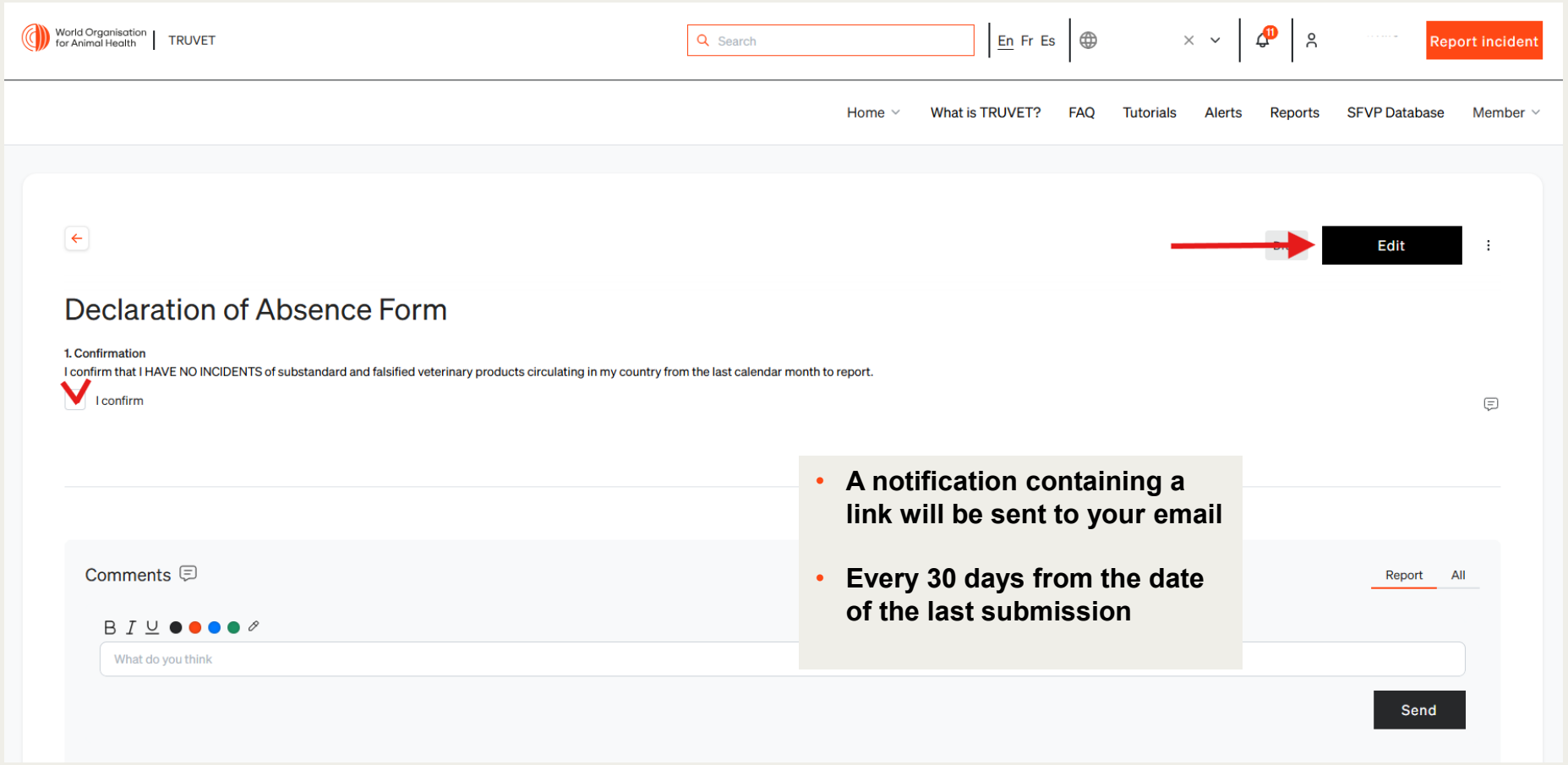
No report, no DOA

Unknown

WOAH cannot tell no problem from no surveillance

A Declaration of Absence turns silence into information. It takes a minute, from the link in the reminder email.

How to submit: every 30 days



- **A notification containing a link will be sent to your email**
- **Every 30 days from the date of the last submission**

Take Home Message

1. SFVPs are a regulatory-system problem.
Strong legislation, registration, testing and traceability prevent them.

2. No country can tackle them alone.
Sharing incidents in TRUVET protects every Member.

3. Submit your Baseline Report this year.
It is a self-assessment of your own system.

4. Report every incident.
And send a Declaration of Absence when there is none.

Regional workshops

Next:

Europe & Central Asia,
October 2026

Asia & Pacific,
November 2026

Regional workshop for Asia & the Pacific, June 2024, Bangkok, Thailand



Regional workshop for EN Africa Region ,March 2025, Dar es Salaam, Tanzania



Regional workshop for FR Africa Region January 2026 Cotonou, Benin



Pilot Veterinary Services & Law Enforcement workshop, January 2026, Lyon, France



Thank you

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