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

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official control programmes with regard to FMD and PPR

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- History of the procedure
- Procedure for official recognition / endorsement of control programme
- Procedure for maintenance

OIE official recognition of disease status

HISTORICAL

1994

- Requested by the World Assembly
- Voluntary-based procedure
- Certain diseases
- Mandate given to the Scientific Commission
- Recognition by the World Assembly

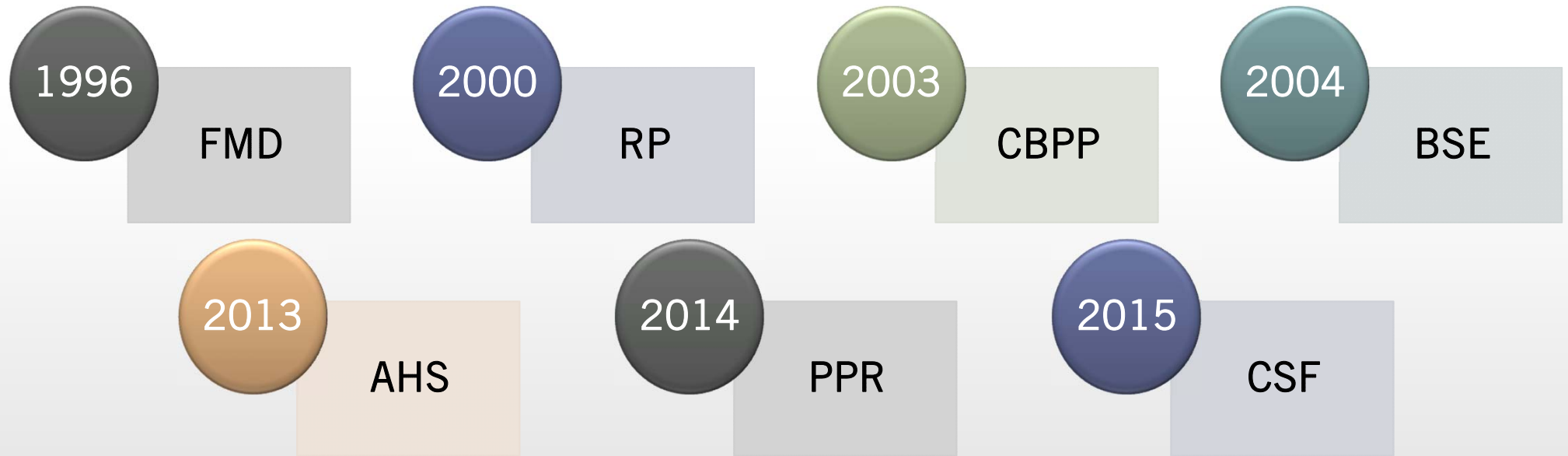
1995

Adoption of the procedure for FMD official recognition

1996

Adoption of the 1st list of Member Countries and zone free from FMD without vaccination

OIE official recognition of disease status



Official recognition of disease status

The main objectives:

- Protect animal and human health in international trade;
- Facilitate trade;
- “Global trade certificate” – access to markets;
- Guarantees to trading partners;
 - **Long term perspective** documented and updated evidence on the disease free situation;
 - **Veterinary Services** meet baseline requirements concerning disease control and trade activities.

OIE endorsement of official control programmes

HISTORICAL

2011 The World Assembly of Delegates adopted the procedure for endorsement by the OIE of an official control programme for FMD

2013 adoption of the procedure for endorsement of an official control programme for PPR

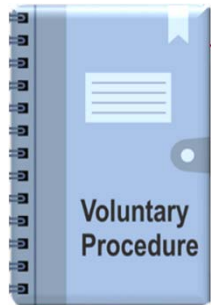
2014 adoption of the procedure for endorsement of an official control programme for CBPP

Endorsement of official control programme

The main objectives/incentives of the endorsement:

- to progressively improve the situation and eventually attain official recognition of disease status,
- to help the Veterinary Services to seek and be provided some support from their government,
- for poorest countries, to help them to be provided some support from donors.

The OIE Procedure



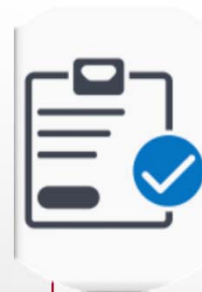
A voluntary procedure developed on Member Countries' request to facilitate trade



Resolutions adopted by the World Assembly



Compiled in a single document: the SOPs



Updated when relevant



Available on line in the three OIE official languages

The OIE Procedure on the website



THEMES

ONE HEALTH

STRENGTHENING VETERINARY SERVICES

ANIMAL DISEASES

ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE

Animal health in the World

OIE-Listed diseases 2017

Overview

Disease Information Summaries

Technical disease cards

The World Animal Health Information System

Disease alerts	Data after 2004 (WAHIS Interface)
Data before 2005 (Handistatus)	Active Search
Simulation Exercises	Info list & RSS

National Disease Contingency Plans

WAHIS-Wild Interface

World Animal Health

Official disease status

Official recognition policy and procedures	FMD
	Rinderpest
CBPP	BSE
Peste des petits ruminants	African horse sickness
	Classical Swine Fever

Self-declared disease status

Avian Influenza Portal

FMD Portal

BSE Portal

BSE situation in the world and annual incidence rate

Rabies Portal

PPR Portal



Restructuration



Standard Operating Procedures:

Step	Time Ref	Responsible person	Action
1	After the GS	DG	Sends email to Delegates confirming SCAD and AHGs dates and deadlines for dossiers submission.
2	2 months before the relevant AHG	Delegate	Sends dossier to
3	Less than 7 days after reception	DSD	Sends email ack
4	7 days after sending the dossier	Delegate	If no acknowledged letter to OIE req
5		DSD	Checks deadline <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - If doss the rel - If doss deadlin



Official Status Recognition Process Guidelines

A. Application by Member Countries

1. Application structure

1.1 CONTENT
Each dossier should contain:

- An **official letter signed** by the OIE Delegate requesting the evaluation of the dossier.
- A **one-page executive summary** stating clearly :
 - What the Member Country is applying for :
 - official status recognition or endorsement of a national official control programme;
 - in the case of an official status recognition:
 - whether the dossier relates to the whole country or to one or more zones;
 - for which status it is applying:
 - e.g.1. in the case of BSE risk status, a Member Country without a recognised risk status should indicate whether it is applying for both “negligible risk” and “controlled risk” categories (in this case, the OIE evaluates the dossier for both) or only for one of these risk categories;
 - e.g.2. in the case of FMD free status, a Member Country should indicate whether it is applying for recognition of a “free status without vaccination” or a “free status with vaccination”;
 - the territory included in the application (with specific indication regarding the possible non-contiguous territories);
 - How it has addressed the various requirements set out in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code (Terrestrial Code);
 - What information is provided in the dossier.



Guidelines:

Revised SOPs

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graph TD; A[Revised SOPs] --> B[Application]; A --> C[Annual reconfirmation]; A --> D[Suspension and recovery]; A --> E[Field missions]; B --- B2[SOP + guidelines]; C --- C2[SOP + guidelines]; D --- D2[SOP + guidelines]; E --- E2[SOP + guidelines];
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Application

SOP +
guidelines

Annual
reconfirmation

SOP +
guidelines

Suspension
and recovery

SOP +
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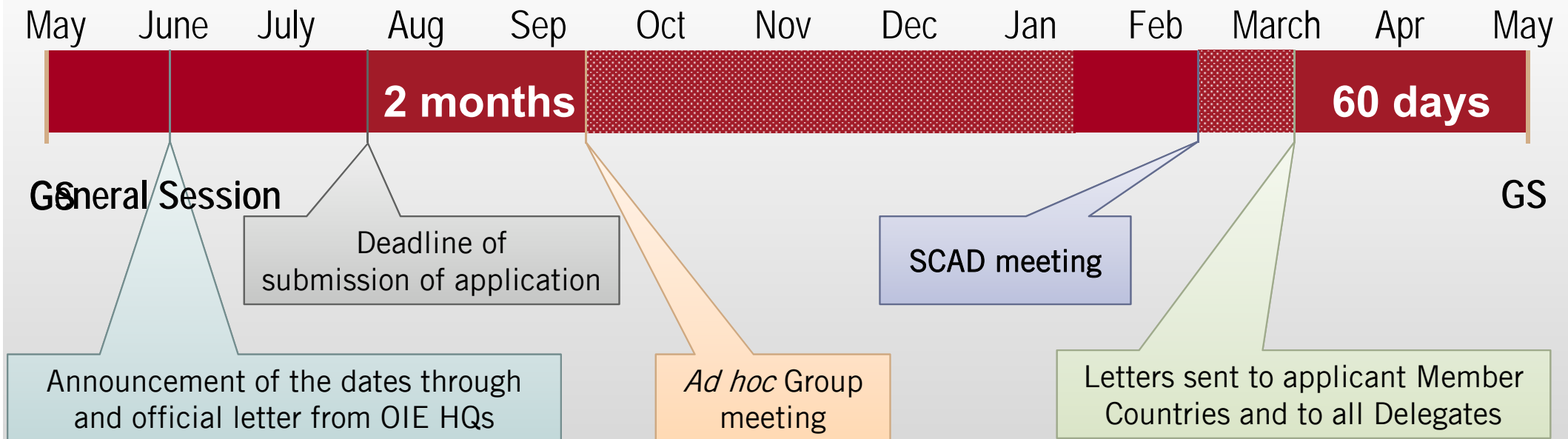
Field missions

SOP +
guidelines

Submission of an application

OIE calendar meetings:

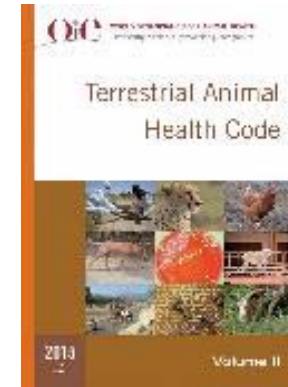
- Cycle from a General Session to the following one
- Letter from the DG after each General Session
- 2 months before the meeting of the *ad hoc* Group



Ad-hoc Group meetings 2017

AHG	MEETING DATES	SUBMISSION DEADLINE
CBPP	26-28 September 2017	28 July 2017
AHS	17-19 October 2017	18 August 2017
BSE	24-26 October 2017	25 August 2017
FMD	7-9 November 2017	08 September 2017
CSF	21-23 November 2017	22 September 2017
PPR	6-8 December 2017	7 October 2017

Submission of an application



The dossier:

- Compliance with the *Terrestrial Code*
- Information requested in the questionnaire (Chapter 1.6.)
 - Article 1.6.11. for FMD programme
 - Article 1.6.12. for PPR programme
- 50 pages + appendices (properly cross-referenced) + executive summary
- Digitalised map if relevant (zoning approach)
- Proof of payment
- Contact details of technical staff

Preliminary screening of the application



Archiving and screening



Acknowledge receipt to the Delegate



Request of additional information or amended dossier, if gap identified



Translation in English if needed



Processing for the *ad hoc* Group

Evaluation by the *ad hoc* Group

PRINCIPLES OF AD HOC GROUPS

Convened by the OIE DG to examine specific scientific and technical issues

Internationally recognised expertise

Origin experts geographically balanced

Technically balanced (diagnostics, field, epidemiology, ...)

Confidentiality and declaration of interest

Possible withdrawal in case of conflict of interest

Evaluation by the ad hoc Group

- Assessment with regard to the *Terrestrial Code*
- Based on the dossier, on the experts' knowledge and experience and on information available in the public domain
- PVS report possibly available
- Possible interaction with the applicant country



Reports formulating
recommendations for the
Scientific Commission

Evaluation by the Scientific Commission

- Members elected by the World Assembly
- Assess the dossier, including the *ad hoc* Group recommendations
- Not bound by the views of the *ad hoc* Group
- Possible interaction with the chairperson of the *ad hoc* Group
- Possible interaction with the applicant countries, including the possible visit of a delegation
- Conclusion with a final recommendation for the World Assembly
- May request an expert mission to verify the dossier

Mission

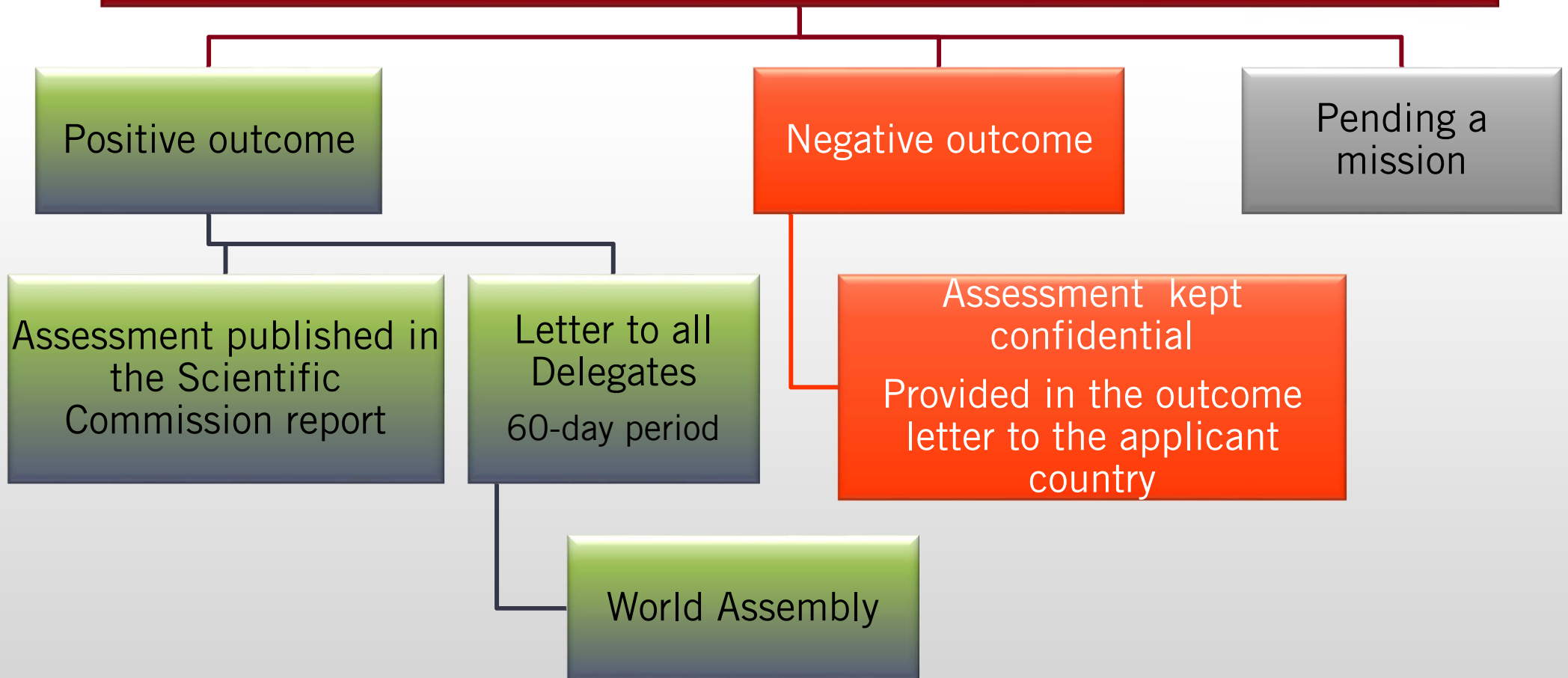
- ➔ In accordance with Resolutions and SOP
- ➔ Request from the Scientific Commission to the DG
- ➔ As part of the evaluation, or as a monitoring mechanism to assess the maintenance
- ➔ Travel and accommodation costs to be defrayed by the applicant Member Country

Member Countries to fully cooperate with the OIE Headquarters and the mission experts, allow access to fields/facilities as necessary, and provide all information requested.

Communication on the outcome



Letter from the DG to the applicant countries



Official recognition - World Assembly



by adoption of a Resolution

Publication

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Highlights

- The OIE celebrates the World Veterinary Day 2014
- OIE Publications Catalogue 2014 now available
- The OIE celebrates the World Wildlife Day

Publications and documentation

- Online Bookshop
- Catalogue
- Scientific and Technical Review

Most recent issues:

- Coordinating surveillance policies in animal health and food safety from farm to fork, Vol. 32 (2), August 2013
- Brucellosis: recent developments towards 'One Health', Vol. 32 (1), April 2013

Parliamentary issue: peer-reviewed papers

- Bulletins online (OIE Magazine): Latest issue
- Document database

Latest disease alerts

02.05.14 Bovine spongiform encephalopathy in Brazil

Official disease status

Bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE)



- + Map of BSE official status
- + List of Member Countries with a BSE risk status
- + Suspension/reinstatement of status
- + Disease card
- + Questionnaire
- + Forms for annual reconfirmation

Negligible BSE risk / Controlled BSE risk / Zone with a negligible BSE risk

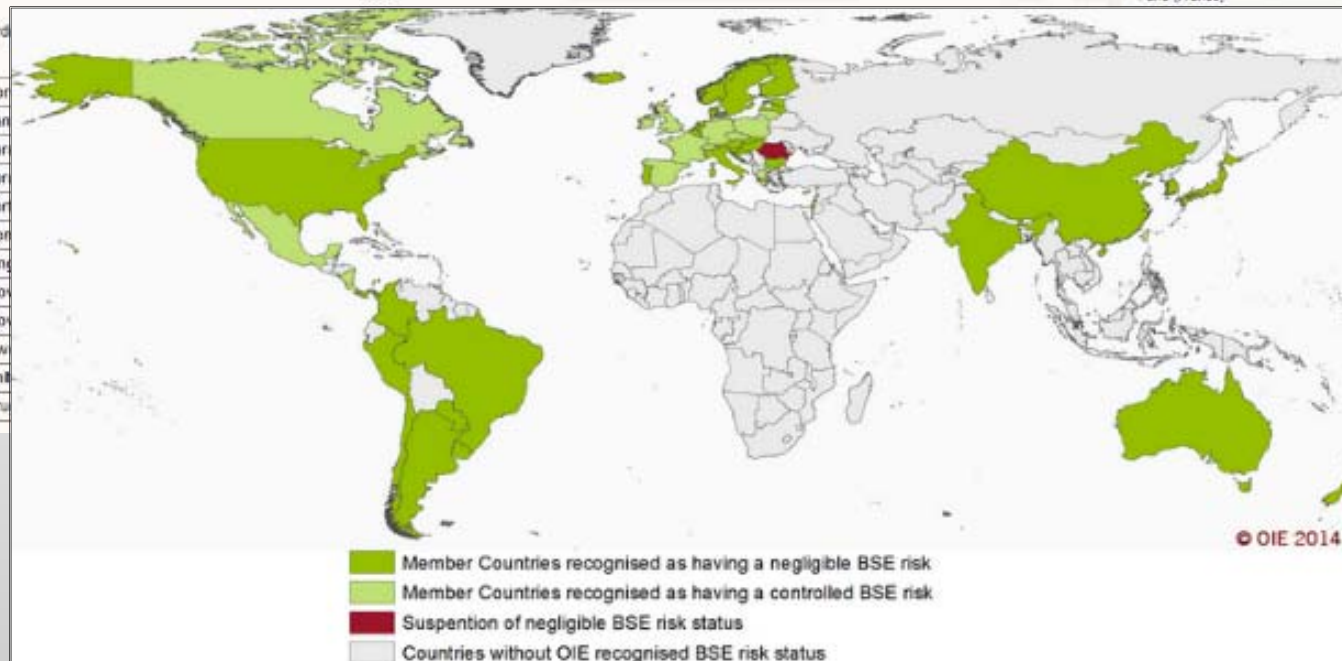
List of Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy Risk Status of Member Countries

According to [Resolution No. 18](#) (82nd General Session May 2014)

+ Negligible BSE risk

Member Countries recognised as having a negligible BSE risk in accordance with Resolution No. 18 (82nd General Session May 2014)

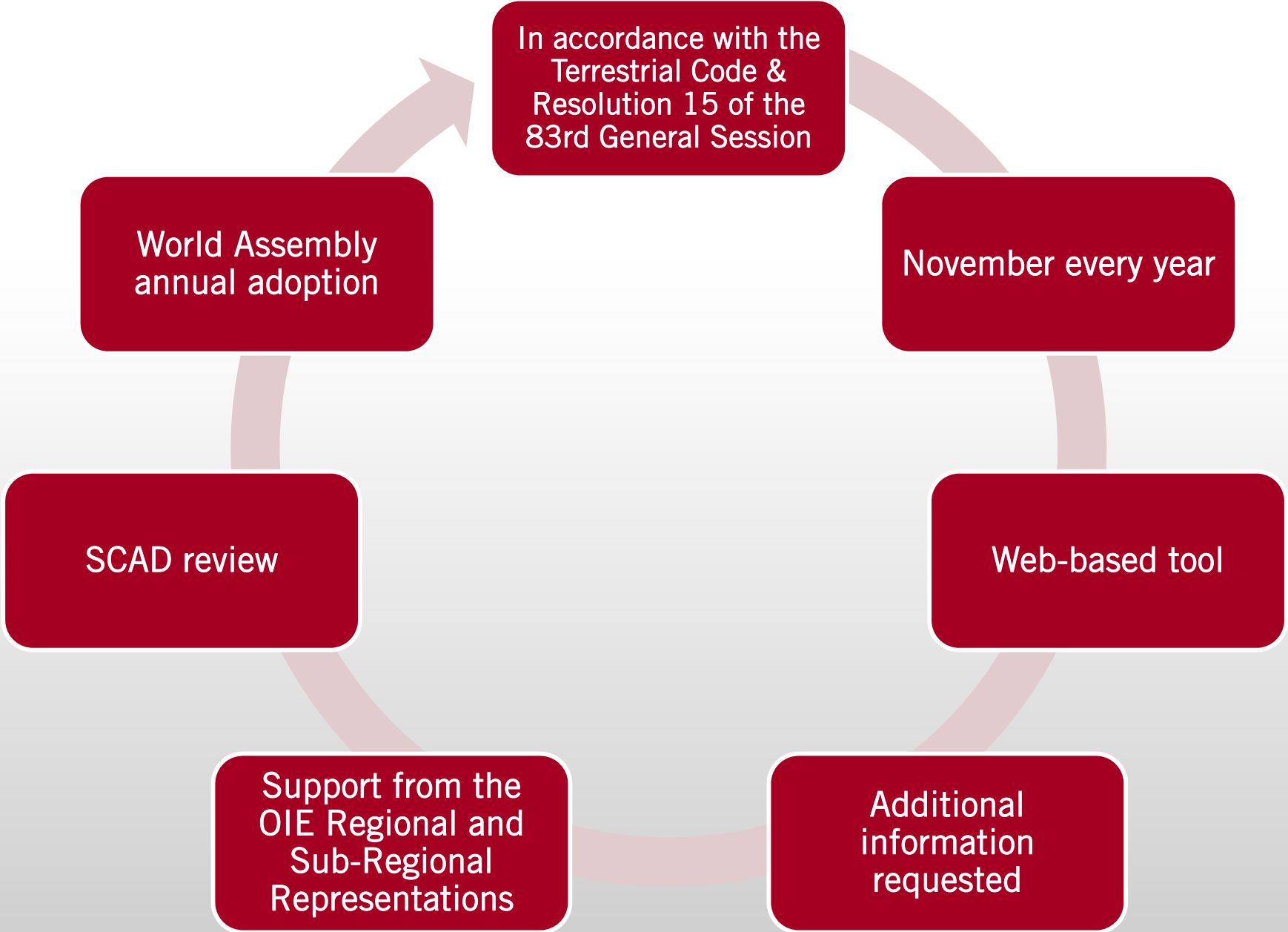
Argentina	Hungary	Norway
Australia	Iceland	Paraguay
Austria	India	Peru
Belgium	Israel	Portugal
Brazil	Italy	Portugal
Bulgaria	Japan	Romania
Chile	Korea (Rep. of)	Singapore
Colombia	Latvia	Slovakia
Croatia	Luxembourg	Slovakia
Denmark	Malta	Sweden
Estonia	Netherlands	United Kingdom
Finland	New Zealand	Uruguay





Maintenance...

Annual reconfirmation



○ Maintenance / Withdrawal of the endorsement of an official control programme

- (Non) compliance with commitments relating to the initial endorsement, especially
 - non-compliance with the timelines or performance indicators of the programme; or
 - significant problems with the performance of the Veterinary Services; or
 - an increase in the incidence of FMD that cannot be addressed by the programme.
- Withdrawal conveyed by the Director General to the concerned OIE Delegate
- (No) compliance with the requirements of the *Terrestrial Code*

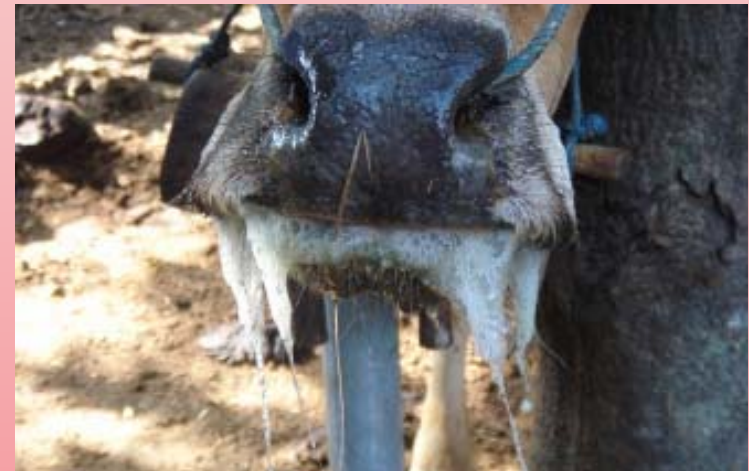
Suspension of a recognised free status

Immediately after the occurrence of an outbreak

- Conveyed by the Director General to the concerned OIE Delegate
- Published simultaneously on the OIE website

Other reasons for suspension:

- No annual reconfirmation
- No compliance with the requirements of the *Terrestrial Code* Chapters.



Recovery of free status after the occurrence of an outbreak

- Application following questionnaire template to submit updated information
- Compliant with requirements of the ***Terrestrial Code***
- Assessment by the Scientific Commission (relevant *ad hoc* Group)
- Final decision taken by the Scientific Commission
- Pending - Expert mission



Summary

- Voluntary procedure
- Based on OIE International Standards
- Procedure under the responsibility of the OIE Director General and the Scientific Commission
- Procedure, disease statuses and endorsement of control programmes adopted by all OIE Member Countries
- Status limited to FMD, CBPP, AHS, PPR, CSF and risk for BSE
- Control programme for FMD, CBPP and PPR
- Costs for evaluation covered by applicant Member



VERY IMPORTANT POINTS

Date

Format of the dossier

Technical contact point

Availability of the technical point at the date of the relevant meetings

Annual reconfirmation

- OIE regional office in Tokyo
- OIE sub-Regional office in Bangkok



Dedicated OIE regional workshops on Status recognition

Contact Status Dep/ment
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Your experienced neighbouring countries

You are not alone



Thank you



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