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## Standard Operating Procedures for official recognition of disease and for the endorsement of official control programmes

Regional training workshop on the OIE procedures for the official status  
recognition and endorsement of national official control programmes with regard to  
PPR for targeted African countries

Nairobi, Kenya 11-13 June 2019



Official status and endorsed programmes

History of the procedure

Procedure for official recognition /  
endorsement of control programme

Maintenance of already granted official status /  
endorsed programme

# 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

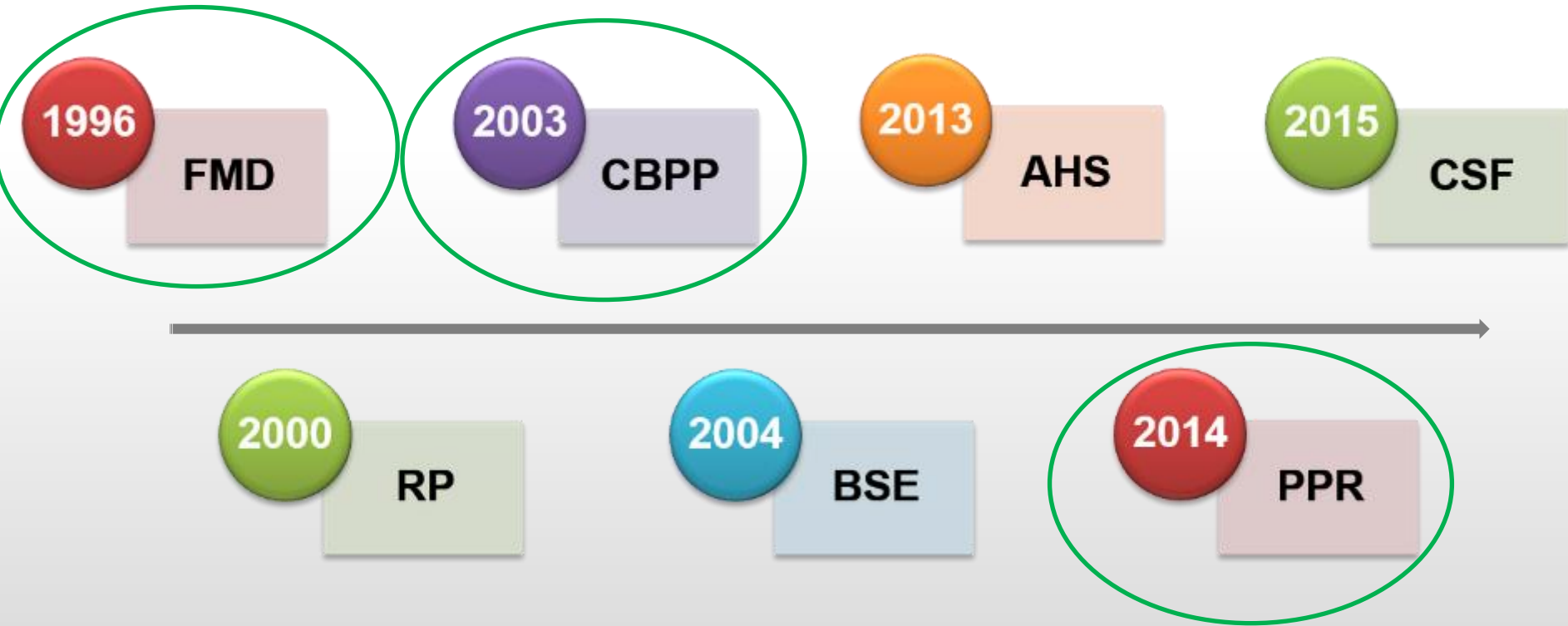
1996

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

Important legal link with the World Trade Organization (WTO)

# OIE official recognition of disease status

## CHRONOLOGY OF DISEASE INCLUDED IN THE PROCEDURE



# OIE endorsement of official control programmes

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## 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

# Official recognition of disease status

## The main objectives:

- Protect animal and human health in international trade;
- Facilitate trade;
- 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.
- Objectives of the Global Strategies (FMD and PPR)

# 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 be provided with some support from their government,
- for poorest countries, to help them to be provided some support from development partners/donors.



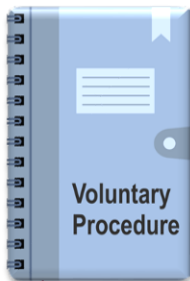
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# The Procedure



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



Resolutions adopted by the World Assembly



SOPs and rules & guidelines



Updated when relevant



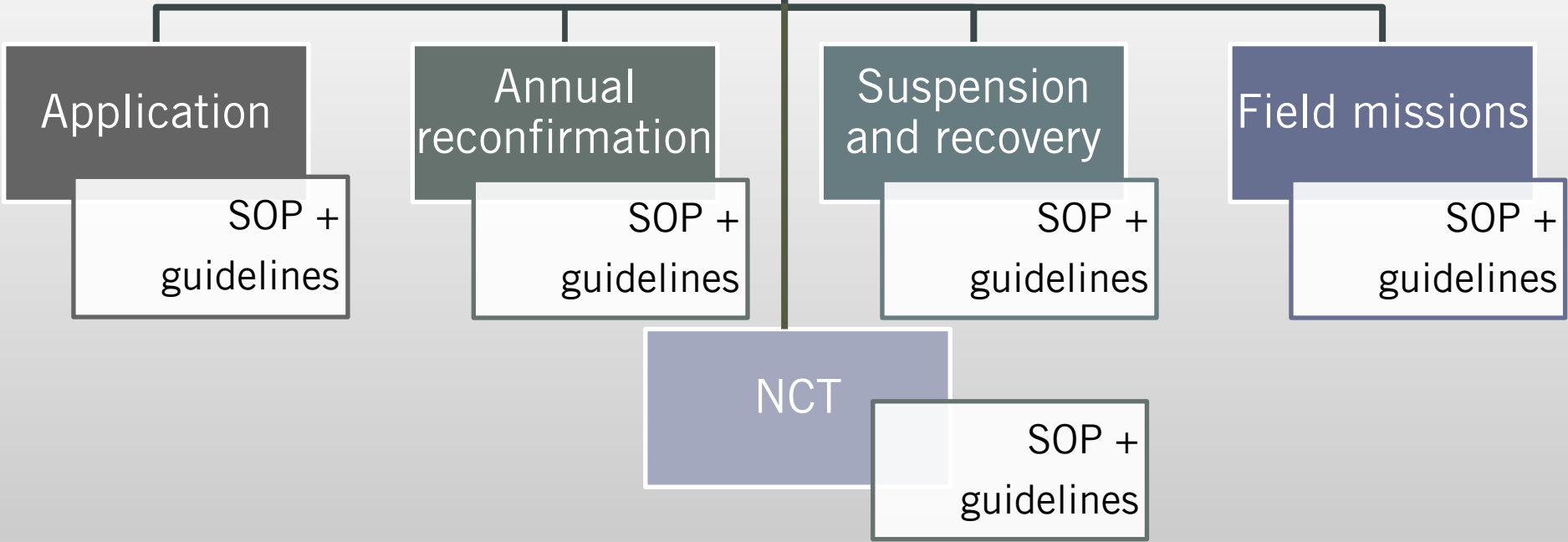
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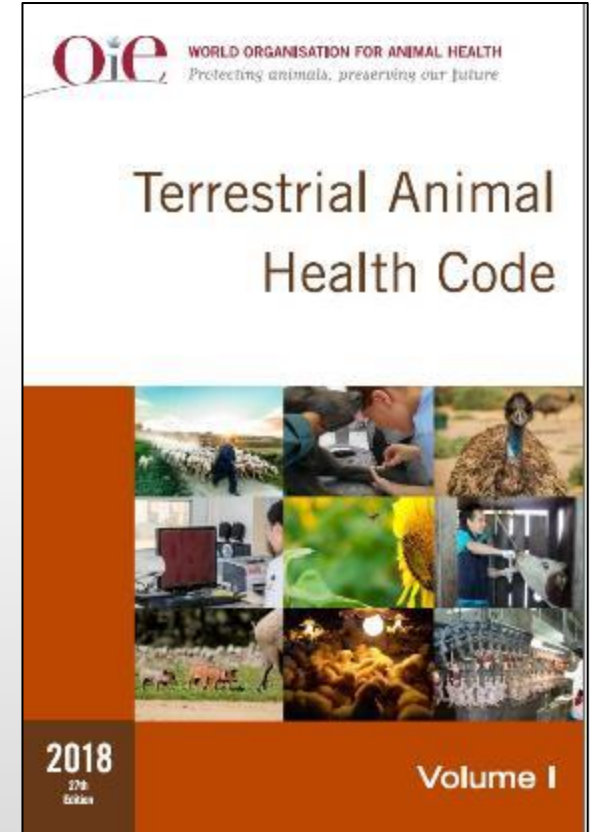
# Revised SOPs (since 2017)



# Submission of an application

## The dossier:

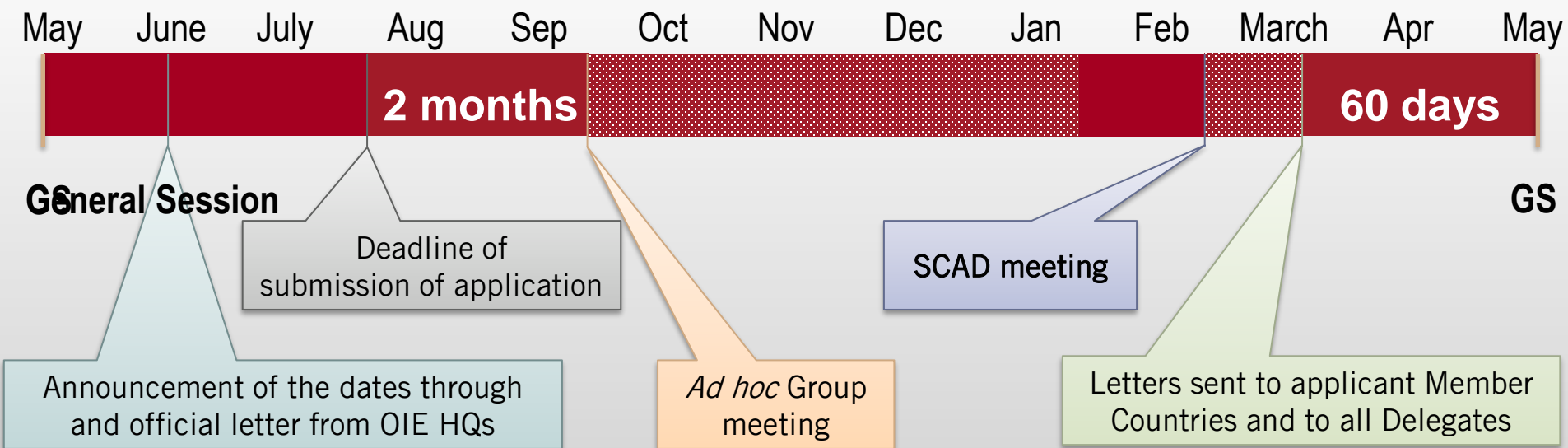
- Compliance with the *Terrestrial Code*
- Complete the questionnaire – Chapter 1.12.
- 50 pages + appendices (properly cross-referenced) + executive summary
- Digitalised map if relevant (zoning approach)
- Proof of payment
- Contact details of technical staff



# 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



# Voluntary applications - OIE Member Countries



**OIE Headquarters**



**OIE ad hoc Groups**



**OIE Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases**



**OIE Director General**

# 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

- 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
- Possible interaction with the chairperson of the *ad hoc* Group
- Possible interaction with the applicant countries, including the possible visit of a delegation
  - **/!\** official request to the OIE by the Delegate before 31 December
- Conclusion with a final recommendation for the World Assembly
- **May request an expert mission to verify the dossier**



# Communication on the outcome



Letter from the DG to the applicant countries

Positive outcome

Negative outcome

Pending a mission

Assessment published in the Scientific Commission report

Letter to all Delegates  
60-day period

Assessment kept confidential  
Provided in the outcome letter to the applicant country

World Assembly

# 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.

# Official recognition - World Assembly



by adoption of a Resolution

# Ad hoc Group meetings 2019

AHG	Meeting dates	Submission deadlines
AHS	24-26 September 2019	26 July 2019
BSE	24-26 September 2019	26 July 2019
CSF	22-24 October 2019	23 August 2019
FMD	05-07 November 2019	6 September 2019
CBPP	19-21 November 2019	20 September 2019
PPR	<u>9-11 December 2019*</u>	<u>10 October 2019*</u>
SCAD	9-13 September 2019	N.A.



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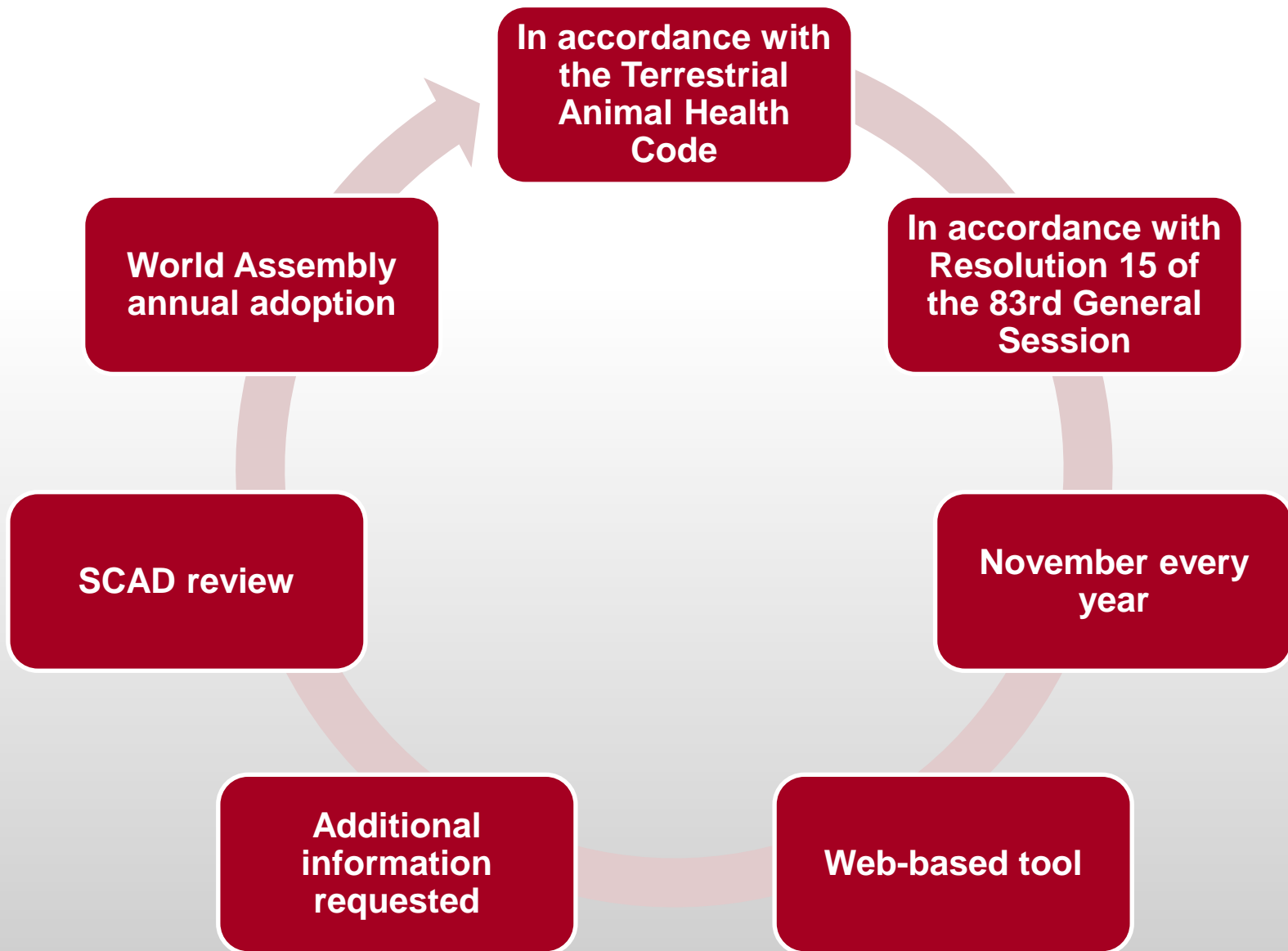
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# Maintenance...

**as important as recognition !!!**

# Annual reconfirmation



# Official recognition - World Assembly



by adoption of a Resolution



# 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
- Non-compliance with the requirements of the *Terrestrial Code* Chapters.



# 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 VS; or
  - an increase in the occurrence of disease that cannot be addressed by the programme
- Withdrawal conveyed by the Director General to the concerned OIE Delegate
- (Non) compliance with the requirements of the *Terrestrial Code*

# Summary

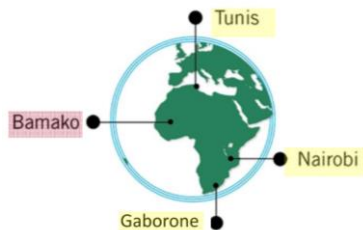
- Voluntary procedure
- Based on OIE standards
- Procedure under the responsibility of the OIE Director General and the Scientific Commission
- Procedure, disease statuses and endorsement of control programmes adopted by all OIE Member Countries
- Status for FMD, CBPP, AHS, PPR, CSF and BSE risk
- Control programme for FMD, CBPP and PPR
- Trade access and disease control



VERY IMPORTANT POINTS

- Deadlines for submission
- Format of the dossier
- Technical contact point
- Application fees
- Maintenance: annual reconfirmation

- OIE Regional Office in Bamako
- OIE Sub-Regional offices in Tunis, Gaborone and Nairobi



**Dedicated OIE regional workshops on Status recognition**

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**Your experienced neighbouring countries**

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