

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

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Outline

1. Standard Operating Procedure for official recognition of animal health status & endorsement of official control programme
2. Maintenance of already granted official animal health status / endorsed programme



Official recognition of animal health status

The official recognition of animal health status of Members is of great significance for international trade and constitutes one of the most important legal links between WOAH and World Trade Organization (WTO).

Benefits of official recognition of animal health status include:

- Demonstration of compliance with WOAH international standards;
- Protect animal and human health in international trade;
- Facilitate safe trade of animals and their products;
- Demonstration of the quality of Veterinary Services.



WOAH endorsement of disease control programmes

Objectives & Benefits include:

- To progressively improve the disease situation and eventually attain official recognition of animal health status;
- Wider access to international expertise and capacity-building activities;
- Visibility for facilitation and access to international funding
- Increased engagement of governments in disease control and elimination;
- Opportunities for stronger coordination in disease control and elimination at regional level.



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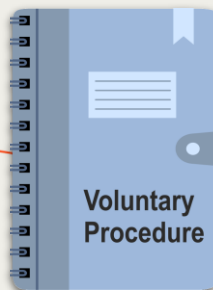
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Description/ Scope:	This procedure describes the process for the preparation, assessment and approval of dossiers for the official recognition of animal health status and for the endorsement of official control programmes of Members.
Related documents:	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 - Procedure (Mission_SOP) - Guidelines (Mission_Guidelines) Reconfirmation of a Status or Programme - Procedure (Reconfirmation_SOP) - Guidelines (Reconfirmation_Guidelines) Suspension, Recovery and Withdrawal - 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>

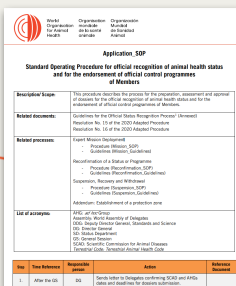
Step	Time Reference	Responsible person	Action	Reference Document
1.	After the GS	DG	Sends letter to Delegates confirming SCAD and AHGs dates and deadlines for dossiers submission.	
	2 months			S.A



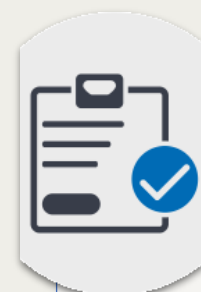
A voluntary procedure developed on Members' request to facilitate trade



Resolutions adopted by the World Assembly



SOPs and rules & guidelines



Updated when relevant



Available online in the three WOA official languages



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- Compliance with the relevant provisions of the *Terrestrial Code*: **Chapter 11.5**.
- Complete – relevant to template **Questionnaire (Chapter 1.10)** in the *Terrestrial Code* (also on WOAH website) – **documented evidence**
- 50 pages + appendices (cross-referenced) + executive summary
- Digitalised map if relevant (free zone)
- Proof of payment – fee
- Contact details of technical staff



Demonstrate by **EVIDENCE**





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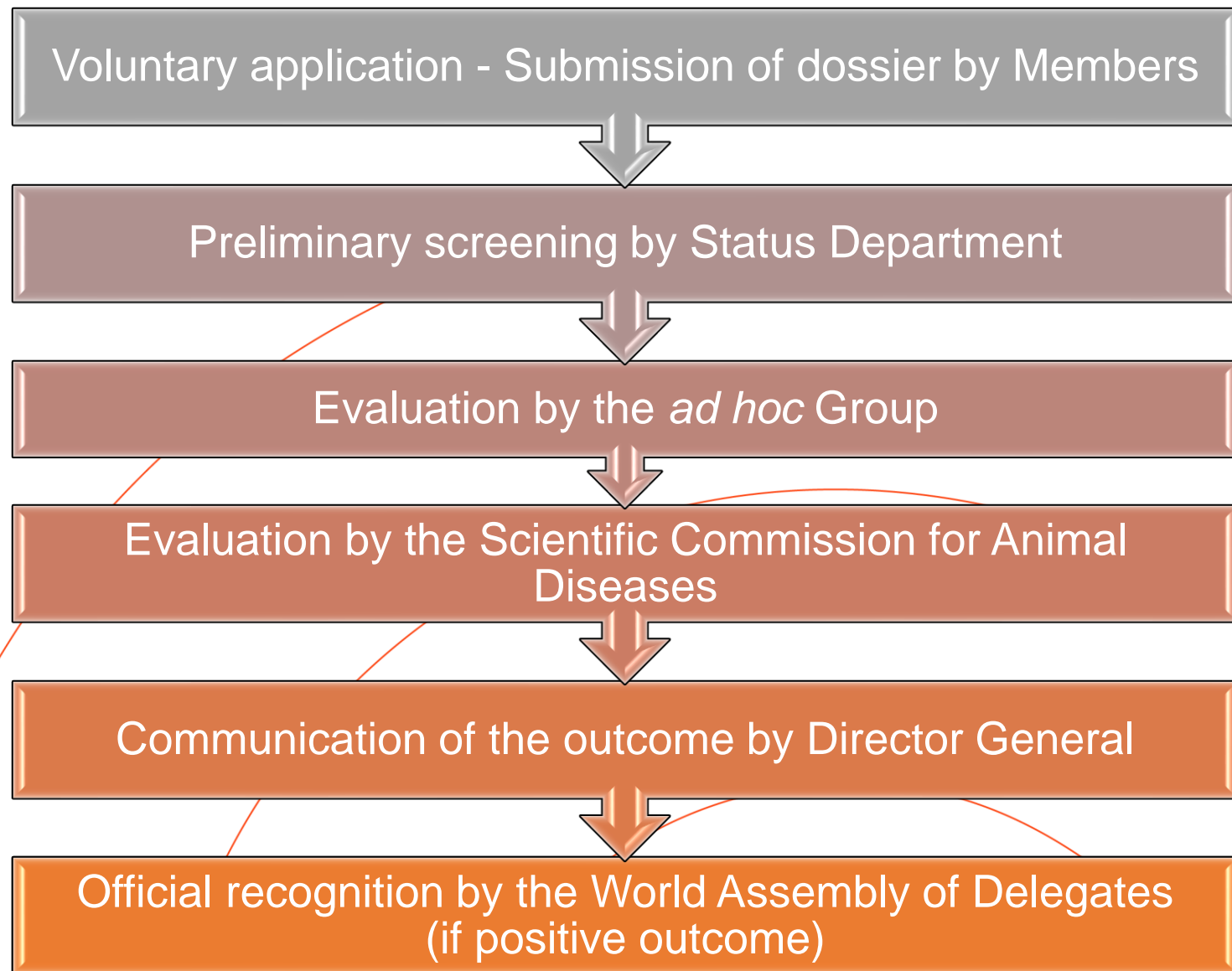
Tentative dates of official status evaluation ad hoc Groups

Disease	Dates	Deadline for submission
FMD	7-9 October 2025	8 August 2025
Dog-mediated rabies	14-16 October	15 August 2025
AHS	21-23 October 2025	22 August 2025
CBPP	28-30 October 2025	29 August 2025
PPR	4-6 November 2025	5 September 2025
BSE	18-20 November 2025	19 September 2025
CSF	25-27 November 2025	26 September 2025



The procedure: Evaluation

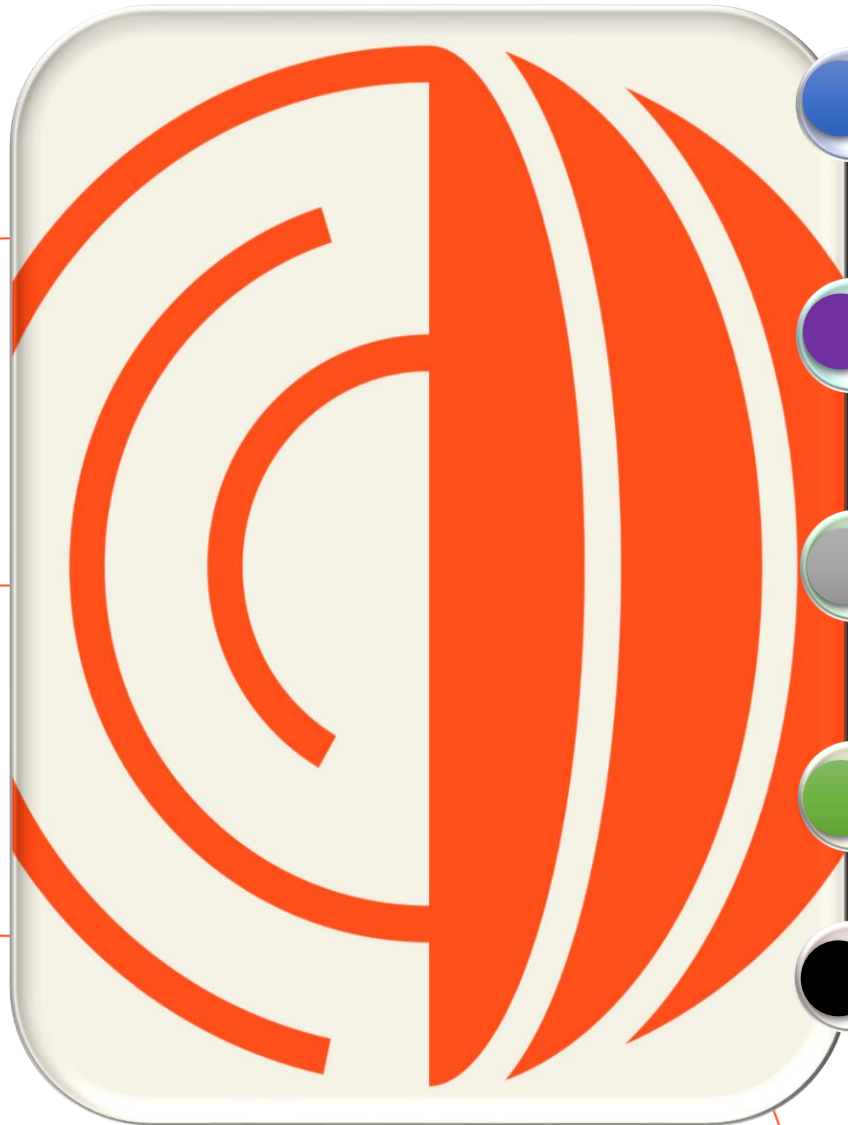
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The procedure : Preliminary screening by Status Dept

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Archiving and screening

Acknowledge receipt of the submission to the Delegate

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

Translation in English if needed

Processing for the *ad hoc* Group

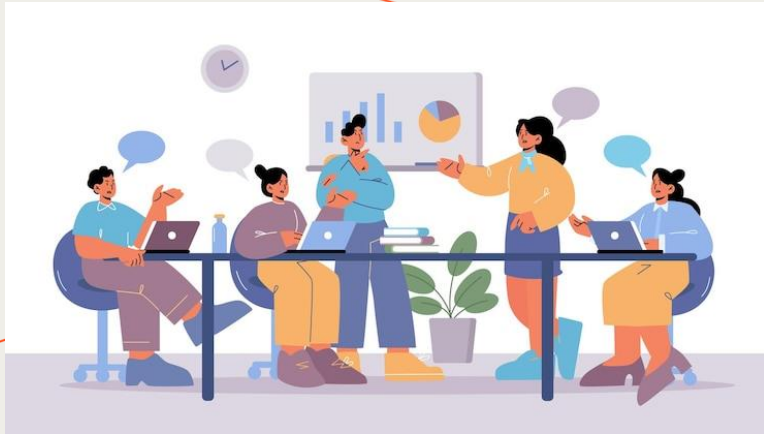


The procedure : Evaluation by the *ad hoc* group

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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 WOAH (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*

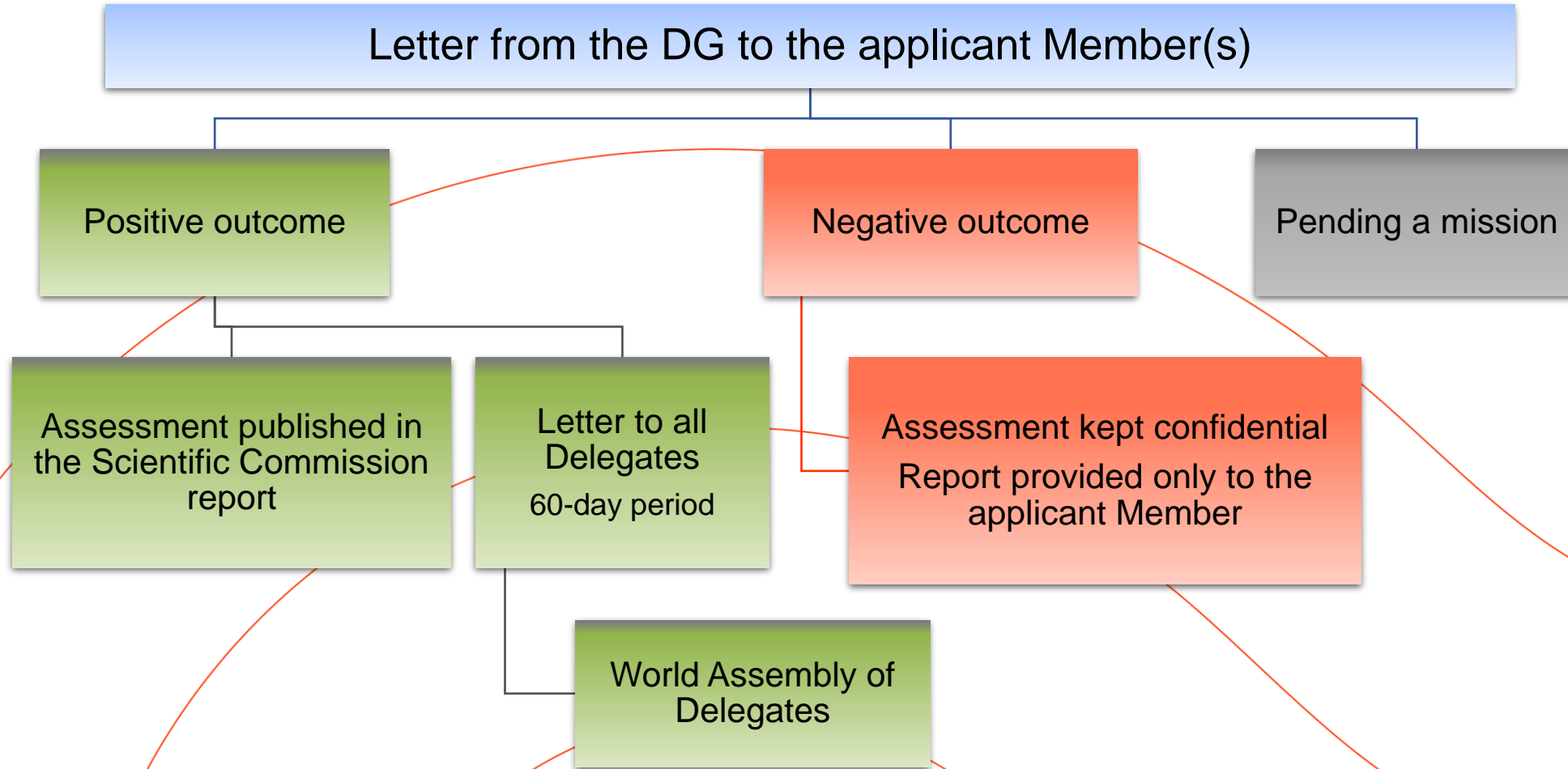
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- Scientific Commission: Members elected by the World Assembly of Delegates for a three-year term
- Assess the dossier, including the *ad hoc* Group recommendations
- Possible interaction with
 - The chairperson of the *ad hoc* Group
 - Applicant Members, including the 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

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The procedure : Official recognition

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

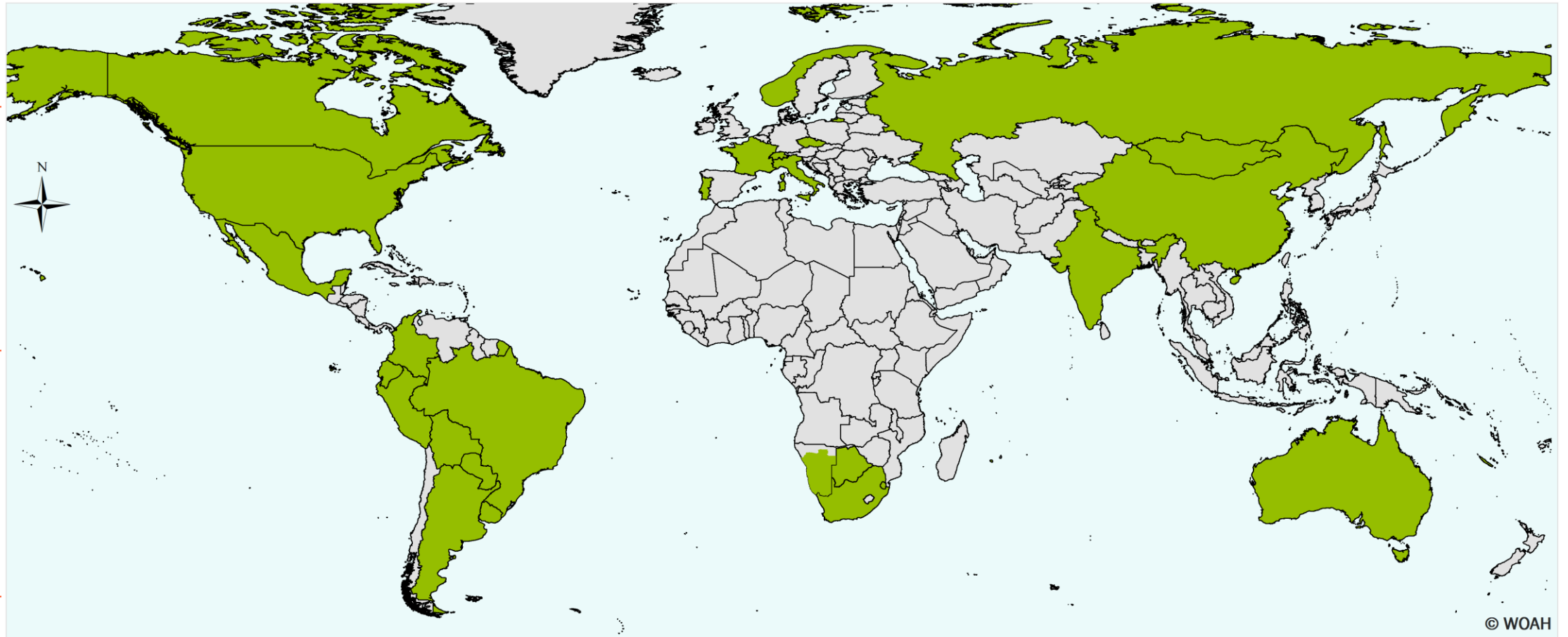




FREE STATUS

ANIMAL HEALTH STATUS

WOAH Members' official CBPP status map

Last update June 2024



-  Members and zone recognised as free from CBPP
-  Countries and zone without an official status for CBPP



Maintenance of already granted official status / endorsed control programme

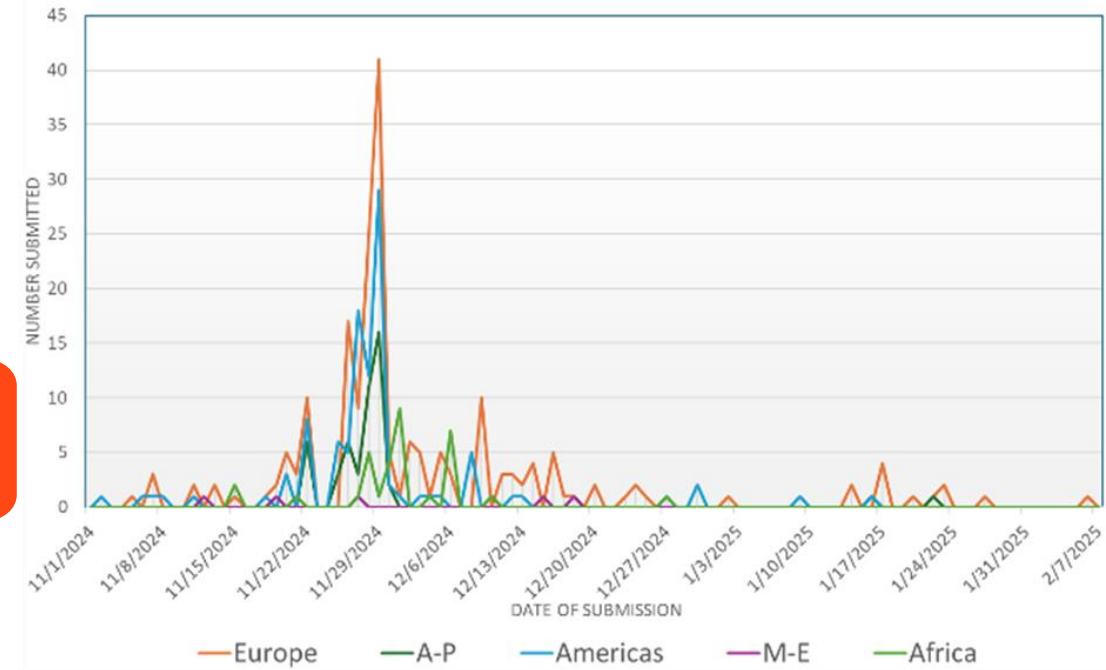
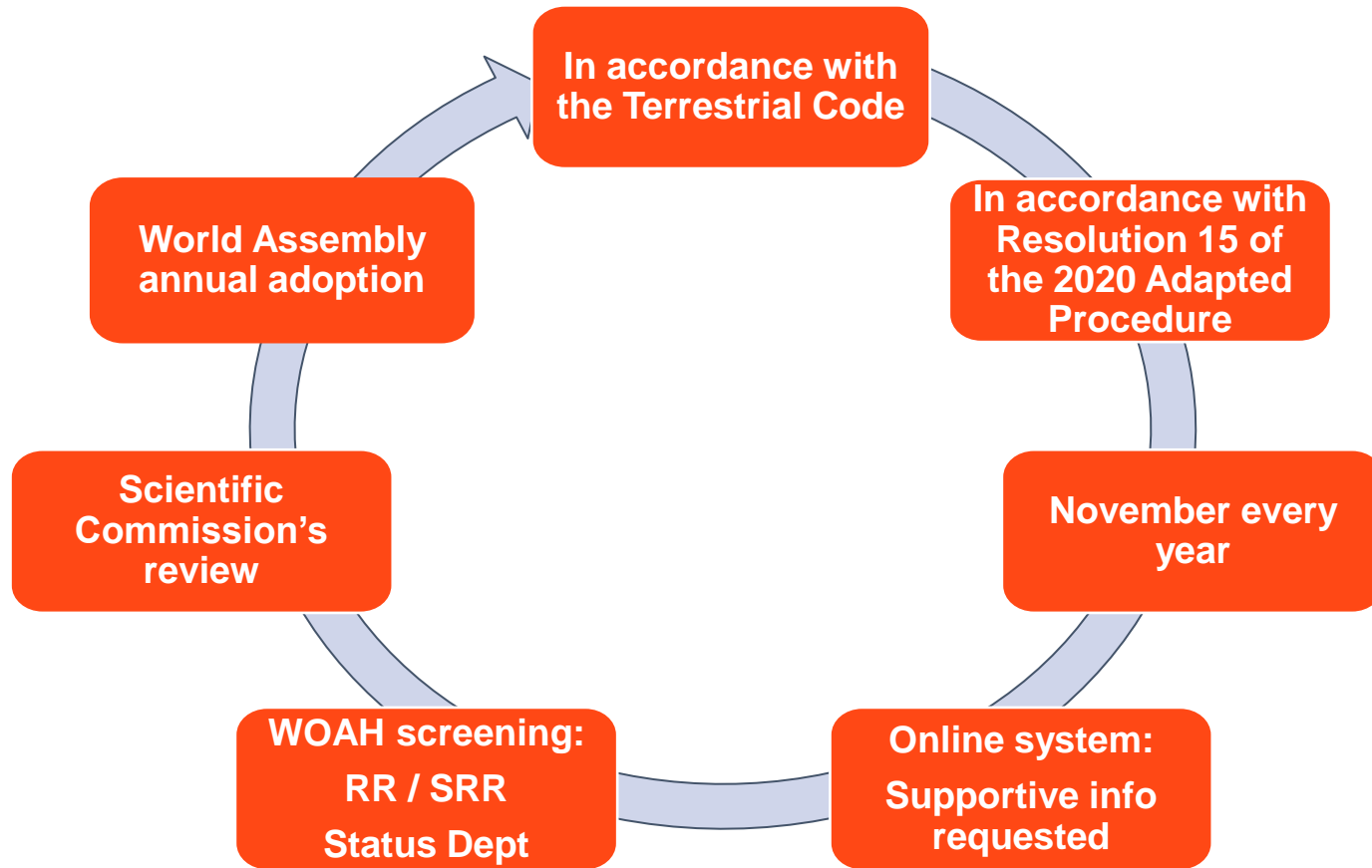


Maintenance...

as important as recognition !!!



Annual Reconfirmation of official status/endorsed programmes ¹⁸



Trends of the submission of the annual reconfirmation forms by Members

Thank you for your attention!

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