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Self-declaration of freedom from bee diseases

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Outline

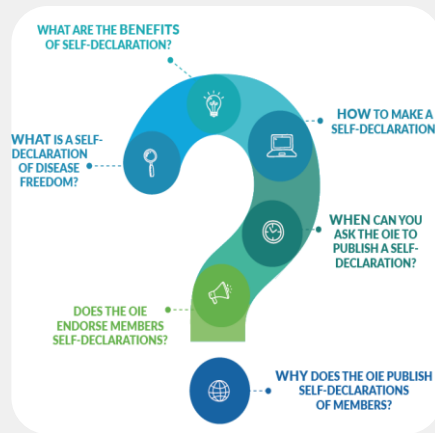
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Objectives and benefits

A **self-declaration of disease freedom** is a documented statement from the Delegate of the Member and it is entirely under the Delegate's responsibility.

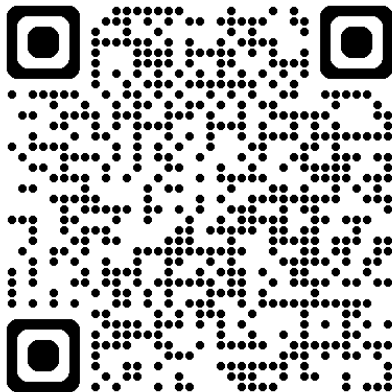
- Increase **visibility** of disease freedom;
- Promote **good animal health practice** & **quality** of **Veterinary Services**;
- Demonstrate **transparency** in animal disease situation & continuous **compliance** with WOAAH **standards**.





Procedure: submission

- Documented **compliance** with the provisions of **Article 1.6.3.**, and with relevant articles of **Chapter 9.1. to Chapter 9.6.** of the *Terrestrial Code* or with **Chapter 1.4.** (for non-listed diseases and historical freedom);
- Following the **Standard Operating Procedure** for the publication of self-declarations





Procedure: submission

➤ Standard Operating Procedure: format

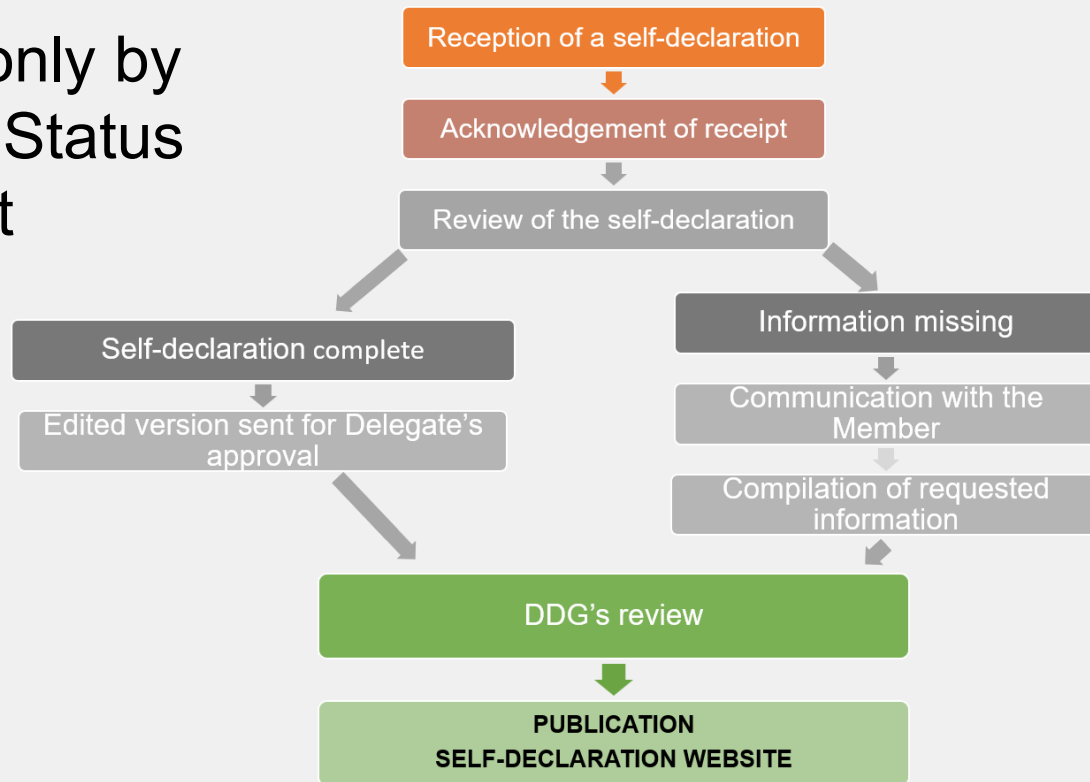
- Size
- Language
- Structure (Annex II)
- File compatibility
- Submission format
- SOP





Procedure: screening

- Reviewed only by the WOAAH Status Department



24h

2 weeks



Procedure: screening

**Terrestrial Animal
Health Code**

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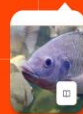
**Supportive evidence according
to the Codes' provisions**

Consistency with WAHIS

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WAHIS

World Animal Health Information System
Système mondial d'information zoosanitaire
Sistema Mundial de Información Zoonosanitaria





Procedure: validation and publication

- Validation by the Deputy Director General
- Publication on the WOAH dedicated website in the language of submission
- Possibility for Members to submit translated versions of the validated self-declaration for publication in WOAH's other official languages

The screenshot displays the WOAH Self-Declarations web application. The top navigation bar includes links for Codes and Manuals, Publications, Documentary Portal, Training Platform, ANIMUSE, TRUVET, PVIS, WildEpi, The Animal Echo, Bookshop, and language options (EN, FR, ES). The main header features the WOAH logo and navigation links for 'The State of the World's Animal Health', 'Animal Diseases', and 'Antimicrobial resistance'. Below this, a search bar and a 'WAHIS' button are visible.

The 'Self-Declarations' section is active, showing a search for 'bee'. The results table is as follows:

Member	Self-declared freedom from	Category	Publication date	Coverage
United Kingdom	Varroa spp. (inf. of honey bees with Chytridiomycota)	Terrestrial	vendredi 16 mai 2025	Zone

On the left side of the results, there are filters for 'Category filter' (with options for 'Sélectionner t...' and 'Terrestrial'), 'Regional filter' (with options for 'Sélectionner t...', 'Africa', 'Americas', 'Asia Pacific', 'Europe', and 'Middle East'), 'Member filter' (with a dropdown for 'Tout'), and a 'Member' search bar.



Procedure: key points

This is not an official recognition by WOAAH

- Responsibility lies entirely under the WOAAH Delegate of the Member;
- WOAAH does not endorse Members' self-declarations;
- Self-declaration cannot be made for diseases for which WOAAH has an official recognition procedure;
- No submission deadline, can be submitted anytime throughout the year.

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Thank You

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