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

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OIE international standards supporting self-declaration of
freedom from rabies
and endorsement of official control program**

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History of the procedure

Procedure for official recognition /
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OIE official recognition of animal health 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)

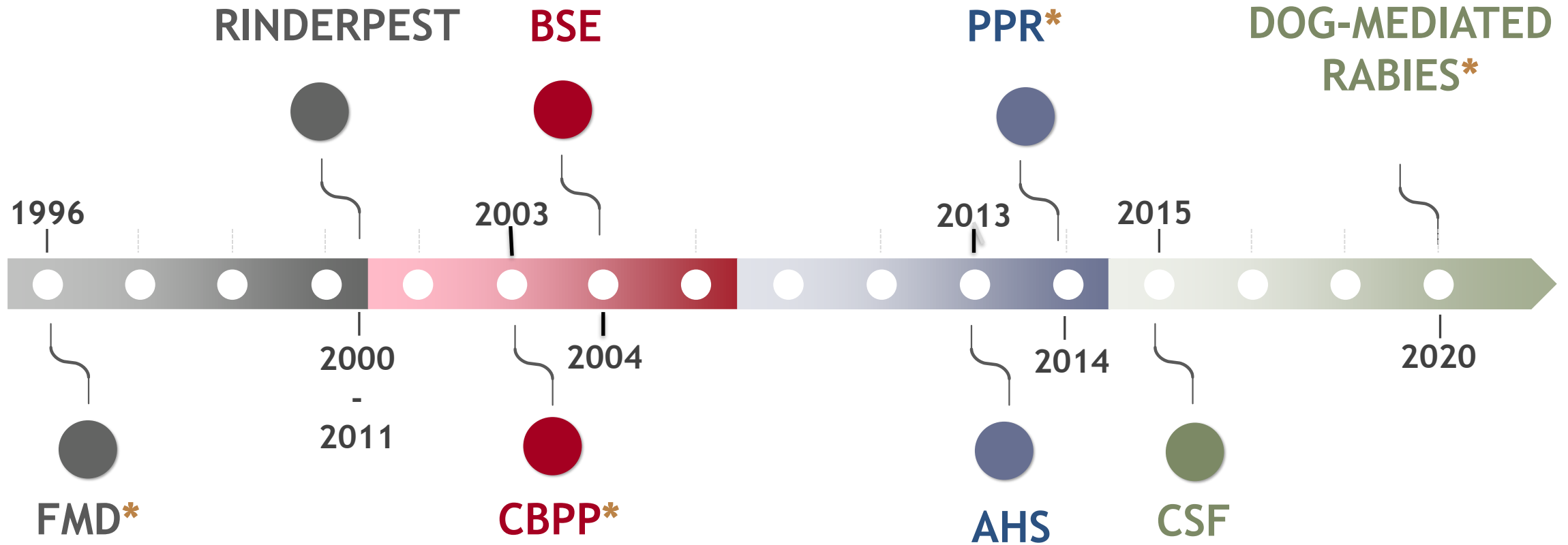


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Chronology of diseases included in the procedure



* OIE endorsement of official control programme



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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**

2020 adoption of the procedure for endorsement of an official control programme for **dog-mediated rabies**



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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 some support from their government,
- for poorest countries, to help them to be provided some support from donors.



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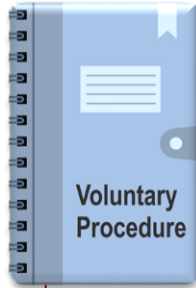


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The Procedure



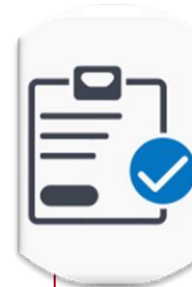
A voluntary procedure developed on Members' request to facilitate trade



Resolutions adopted by the World Assembly



SOPs and rules & guidelines



Updated when relevant



Available online in the three OIE official languages

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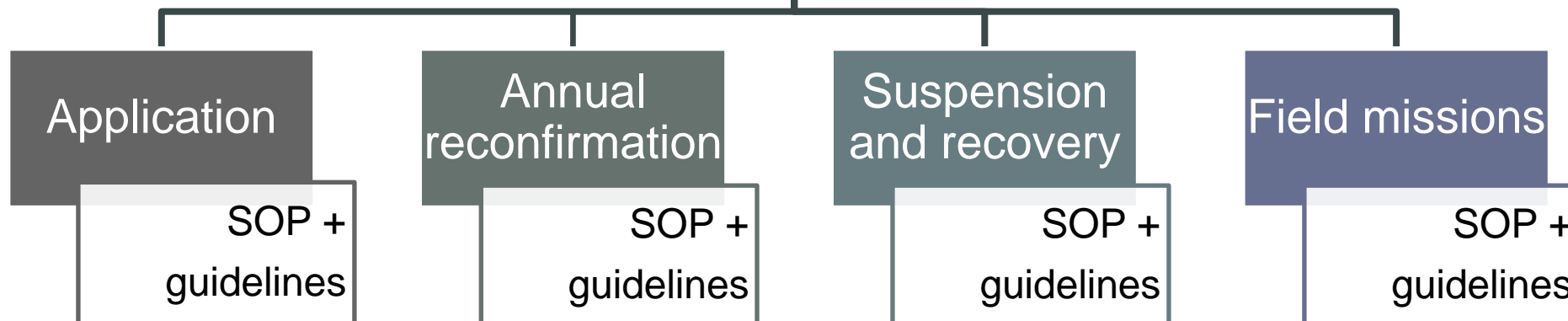
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Revised SOPs (since 2017)

CLARIFIED

DETAILED



Submission of an application

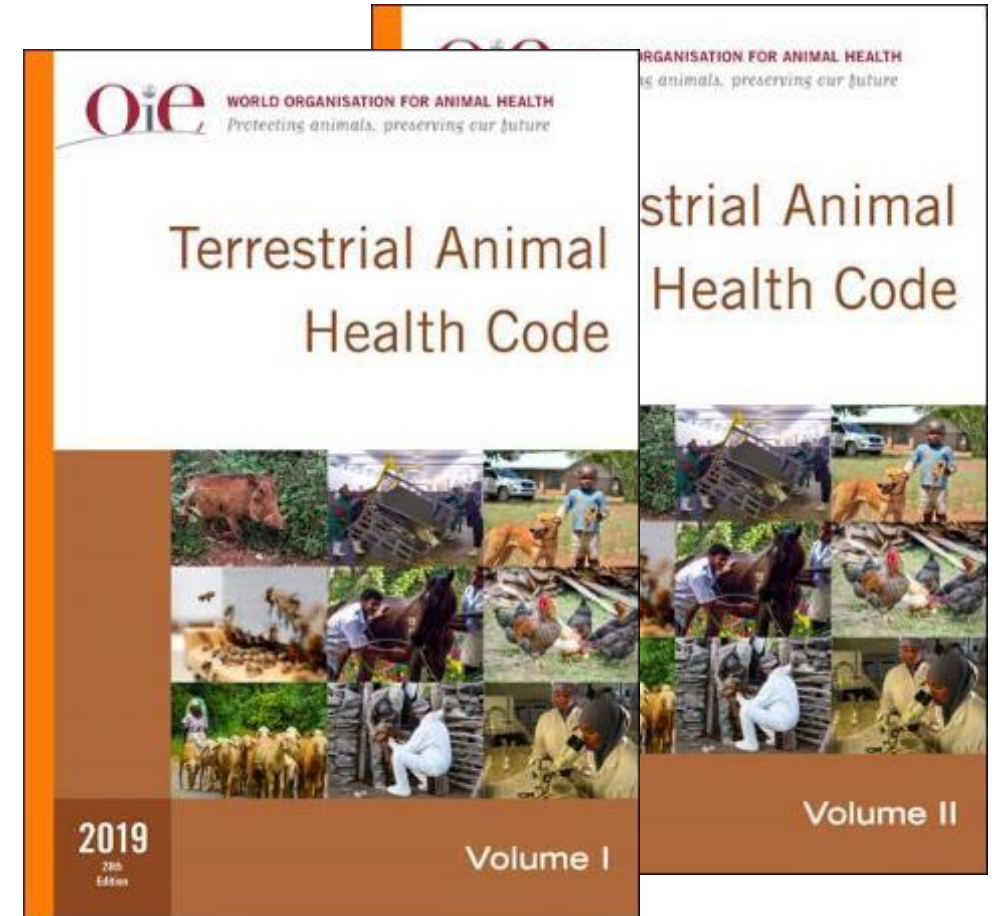
The dossier

Compliance with the *Terrestrial Code*

Complete –relevant template Questionnaire of Chapters 1.7. to 1.12. of the *Terrestrial Code* or from the OIE website

50 pages + appendices (properly cross-referenced) + executive summary

Digitalised map



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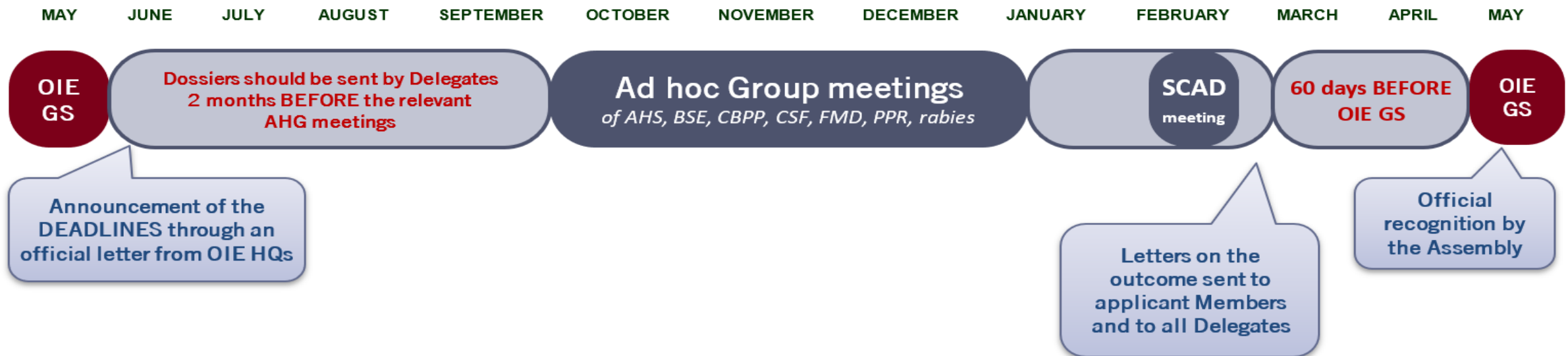
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Submission of an application

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

OIE CYCLE TO SUBMIT APPLICATIONS FOR OFFICIAL RECOGNITION OF DISEASE STATUS AND FOR THE ENDORSEMENT OF OFFICIAL CONTROL PROGRAMMES



Acronyms: AHG: *ad hoc* Group
Assembly: World Assembly of Delegates
GS: General Session
SCAD: Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases

Voluntary applications - OIE Members



OIE Headquarters



OIE ad hoc Groups



OIE Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases



OIE Director General



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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



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Evaluation by the ad hoc Group

- ❑ Assessment according to the requirements of the *Terrestrial Code*
- ❑ Based on the information presented in the application and in other reports of the Member submitted to the OIE (e.g., WAHIS, PVS)
- ❑ Experts' knowledge and information available in the public domain
- ❑ Possible interaction with the applicant Member by telecommunication
- ❑ Recommendations for the outcomes of the evaluation of dossiers of applicant Members forwarded to the Scientific Commission



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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

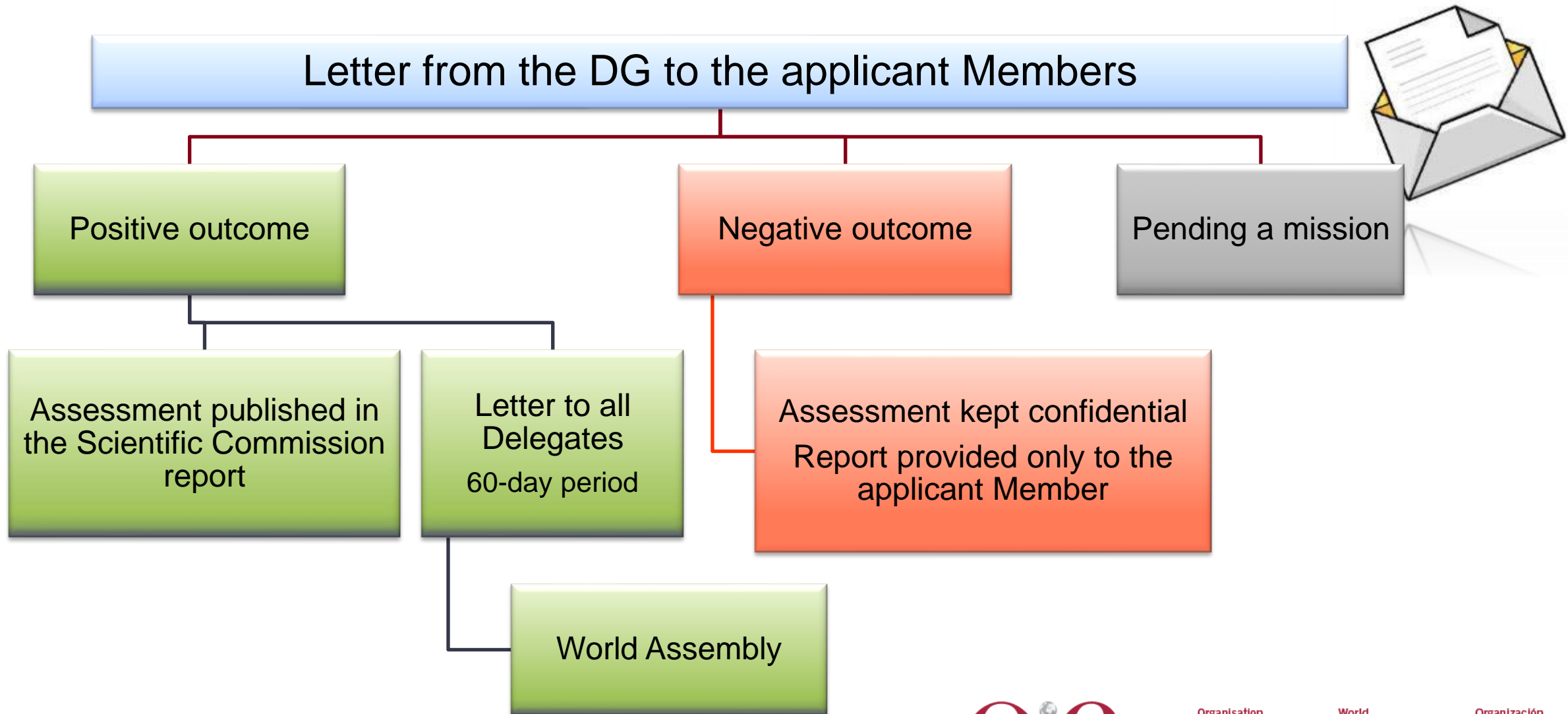


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Communication on the outcome



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

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



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Official recognition - World Assembly



by adoption of a Resolution



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Dates of ad hoc Group meetings 2021

AHG	Meeting dates	Submission deadlines
SCAD	13-24 September 2021	N.A.
AHS	5–7 October 2021	6 August 2021
Rabies	5–7 October 2021	6 August 2021
CBPP	5–7 October 2021	6 August 2021
FMD	18–22 October 2021	19 August 2021
CSF	26–28 October 2021	27 August 2021
BSE	16–18 November 2021	17 September 2021
PPR	7–9 December 2021	8 October 2021



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Deadline for submission:



You can access the on-line system only with the Delegate's credentials for the OIE Delegates' website

Instructions

In accordance with Resolution No. 15 adopted at the 83rd General Session and other relevant Resolutions previously adopted,

- Member Countries having an officially recognised disease status or BSE risk status should reconfirm every year, during the month of November that remained unchanged,
- Member Countries having an officially endorsed control programme should inform the OIE during the month of November on the progress on the in the control programme.

Please find below a list of diseases for which your country has an officially recognised status or an endorsed official control programme. You will be directed to the relevant annual reconfirmation form to be completed by clicking the link. Should you have any questions or problems com please do not hesitate to contact the OIE at disease.status@oie.int.

Note: Please save regularly to avoid loss of data.

List of OIE officially recognised disease status

	Disease	Zone	Status	Reconfirmation step
FMD	Foot and mouth disease		FMD free country without vaccination	Begin
AHS	African horse sickness		AHS free country	Begin
PPR	Peste des petits ruminants		PPR free country	Begin
CSF	Classical swine fever		CSF free country	Begin
BSE	Bovine spongiform encephalopathy		BSE Negligible country	Begin

| 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

Other reasons for suspension:

No annual reconfirmation

Non-compliance with the requirements

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

(No) compliance with the requirements of the *Terrestrial Code*



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➤ 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, PPR and dog-mediated rabies
- Trade access and disease control





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



Thank you very much for your
attention!

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