Revision of the Standard Operating Procedures for the official recognition of disease status

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The OIE sixth Strategic Plan translated in a roadmap

Enhance countries’ official disease status recognition
Current SOPs

- Application
  - SOP + guidelines
- Annual reconfirmation
  - SOP + guidelines
- Suspension and recovery
  - SOP + guidelines
- Field missions
  - SOP + guidelines
Restructuration

• Standard Operating Procedures:

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<td>After the GS</td>
<td>DG</td>
<td>Sends email to Delegates confirming SCAD and AHGs dates and deadlines for dossiers submission.</td>
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<td>2 months before the relevant AHG</td>
<td>Delegate</td>
<td>Sends dossier to Delegates</td>
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<td>Less than 7 days after reception</td>
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<td>Sends email acknowledging receipt of dossier</td>
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<td>7 days after sending the dossier</td>
<td>Delegate</td>
<td>If no acknowledgment letter to OIE received, asks for missing information</td>
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• Guidelines:

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. 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. 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.
Accompanied by the strengthening of our internal working procedures

• Revision/development of internal checklists and working procedures

• Methodology for the systematic and homogenised use of the PVS reports

• Methodology for the harmonised review of the annual reconfirmations
Impact on the 2016 annual reconfirmations

On 335 annual reconfirmations received and checked, 60 were comprehensively reviewed by the Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases.
Impact on the 2016 annual reconfirmations

**Submissions of annual reconfirmations in 2014, 2015 & 2016**

- Annual reconfirmations for 2014
- Annual reconfirmations for 2015
- Annual reconfirmations for 2016

**Means of submission in 2016**

- Web-Based tool spontaneously by the country: 73%
- Web-based tool after the OIE asked: 21%
- Provided by paper/email: 6%

**Percentage of annual reconfirmations that needed follow-up by disease and region in 2016**

- Africa
- Americas
- Asia
- Europe
- Middle East

- AHS
- BSE
- CBPP
- CSF
- FMD
- PPR
Conclusion

- **Obj. 1: Science-based risk management**
  - Clear procedural framework and information requirements aligned with the international standards of the *Terrestrial Code* and with previously adopted Resolutions
  - Engagement of OIE expert network through Specialist Commissions, *ad hoc* groups and missions

- **Obj. 2: Trust through transparency and communication**
  - Engagement with Members during dossier submission, validation and review
  - Encouragement to make dossiers available on request to trade partners
  - Strengthened maintenance procedure

- **Obj. 3: Capacity and Sustainability of Veterinary Services**
  - Training programmes for Members on dossier preparation
  - Feedback and recommendations following dossier reviews and missions focusing on areas of importance/for attention
  - Link with the PVS evaluation
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