Annex 8

CHAPTER 1.6.  
  
**PROCEDURES FOR ~~PUBLICATION of a SELF- DECLARATION of disease freedom, recognition of an~~ official RECOGNITION OF ~~AN~~ ~~disease~~ ANIMAL HEALTH status, ~~AND FOR~~ endorsement of an OFFICIAL control programme, AND PUBLICATION OF A SELF-DECLARATION OF ANIMAL HEALTH STATUS, ~~RECOGNITION~~ BY THE OIE**

Article ~~1.6.21bis~~.1.6.1.

**Application for ~~O~~official recognition of animal health status and endorsement of an official control programme by the OIE**

A Member Country~~ies~~ may request:

1) official recognition of *animal health status* by the OIE of ~~as to~~:

*a)* freedom of a country or *zone* from African horse sickness (AHS);

*b)* risk status of a country or *zone* with regard to bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE);

*c)* freedom of a country or *zone* from classical swine fever (CSF);

*d)* freedom of a country or *zone* from contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (CBPP);

*e)* freedom of a country or *zone* from foot and mouth disease (FMD), ~~with or without~~ where *vaccination* is either practised or not practised;

*f)* freedom of a country or *zone* from peste des petits ruminants (PPR);

2) endorsement by the OIE of:

*a)* an *official control programme* for ~~contagious bovine pleuropneumonia~~ CBPP;

*b)* an *official* *control* *programme* for ~~foot and mouth disease~~ FMD;

*c)* an *official* *control* *programme* for ~~peste des petits ruminants.~~PPR;

*d)* an *official* *control* *programme* for dog-mediated rabies.

~~1)~~ ~~the risk status of a country or zone with regard to BSE;~~

~~2)~~ ~~the freedom of a country or~~[*~~zone~~*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_zone_region)~~from FMD, with or without~~[*~~vaccination~~*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_vaccination)~~;~~

~~3)~~ ~~the freedom of a country or~~[*~~zone~~*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_zone_region)~~from CBPP;~~

~~4)~~ ~~the freedom of a country or~~[*~~zone~~*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_zone_region)~~from AHS;~~

~~5)~~ ~~the freedom of a country or~~[*~~zone~~*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_zone_region)~~from PPR;~~

~~6)~~ ~~the freedom of a country or~~[*~~zone~~*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_zone_region)~~from CSF.~~

The OIE does not grant official recognition of *animal health status* or endorsement of an *official control programme* for ~~other~~ diseasesother than those listed under points 1) and 2) above.

~~In these cases,~~ The Member ~~Countries~~ Country should present documentation setting out the compliance of their [*Veterinary Services*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_services_veterinaires)with ~~the applicant country or~~ *~~zone~~* ~~with~~ the provisions of Chapters [1.1.](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=chapitre_notification.htm#chapitre_notification), 1.4., 3.1., ~~and~~ 3.2. and 4.~~3~~4. of the *Terrestrial Code*, when relevant,and with the provisions of the relevant disease-specificchapters in the *Terrestrial Code* and the *Terrestrial Manual*.

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When requesting official recognition of ~~disease~~ *animal health status* or endorsement by the OIE of an *official control programme*, the Member Country should follow the Standard Operating Procedures (available on the OIE website) and submit to the OIE ~~Status Department~~ a dossier providing the information requested in the following Chapters (as appropriate): 1.7. (for AHS), 1.8. (for BSE), 1.9. (for CSF), 1.10. (for CBPP), 1.11. (for FMD) or 1.12. (for PPR).

The OIE framework for the official recognition ~~and maintenance~~ of ~~disease~~ *animal health status*, the endorsement of *official control programmes*, and their maintenance is described in relevant Resolutions ~~No. XV (administrative procedures) and Resolution No. XVI (financial obligations) adopted during the 83rd General Session in May 2015, as well as in the Standard Operating Procedures (available on the OIE website)[[1]](#footnote-1)~~ adopted by the World Assembly of OIE Delegates.

The country or the *zone~~,~~* ~~or the country having its~~ *~~official control programme~~* ~~endorsed~~ will be included in the relevant lists of official *animal health status* or endorsed *official control programmes* only after the evidence submitted~~, based on the provisions of Chapters 1.7. to 1.12.,~~ has been adopted by the World Assembly of OIE Delegates.

When a Member Country requests official recognition of *animal health status* for a *zone*, the geographical boundaries of the proposed *zone* should be clearly defined ~~describing the geographical boundaries of the~~ *~~zone~~*. When applying for recognition of a free *zone* ~~being~~ that is adjacent to another *zone* of the same status, it should be stated ~~if~~ whether the new *zone* is being merged or kept separate. If the proposed *zone* remains separate, details should be provided of ~~on~~ the control of the movement of ~~susceptible animals and their products~~ relevant *commodities* between the *zones* in accordance with Chapter 4.~~3~~4.

The overall objective of the OIE endorsed *official control programmes* is for Member Countries to progressively improve their animal health situation and eventually attain official recognition of *animal health status* or in the case of dog-mediated rabies to make a self-declaration as a free country or *zone*. The *official control programme* should be applicable to the entire country even if certain measures are directed towards defined *zones.*

Article 1.6.2. ~~1.6.3.~~

**Maintenance of official recognition of animal health status and endorsement of an official control programme by the OIE**

Retention on the lists of countries and *zones* having an official *animal health status* or of countries having an endorsed *official control programme* requires that the information in relevant chapters be re-submitted annually and that changes in the epidemiological situation or other significant events ~~should~~ be ~~reported~~ notified to the OIE in accordance with the requirements in Chapter 1.1.

Non-compliance with the requirements for the maintenance of ~~an~~ *animal health status* results in the suspension of that status. Within 24 months of suspension, ~~A~~a Member Country~~ies~~ may apply for the recovery of a previously recognised status, following the provisions of the relevant [disease](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_maladie)-specific chapter~~, within 24 months after suspension~~. When the status has not been recovered within 24 months of its suspension, it is withdrawn and the Member Country~~ies~~ should reapply following the procedure for the application for official recognition of *animal health status*.

The OIE may withdraw the endorsement of an *official control programme* if there is evidence of:

‒ non-compliance with the timelines or performance indicators of the programme; or

‒ significant problems with the quality of the *Veterinary Services* asdescribed in Section 3 of the *Terrestrial Code*; or

‒ an increase in the *incidence* or distribution of the disease that cannot be addressed by the programme.

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Article ~~1.6.1.~~ 1.6.3.

**~~General principles~~ Publication by the OIE of a self-declaration of ~~an~~ animal health status ~~disease freedom~~ by a Member Country**

A Member Country~~ries~~ may ~~wish to~~ make a self-declaration ~~as to~~ of ~~the~~ freedom of a country, *zone* or *compartment* from an OIE *listed disease* or another animal disease, *infection* or *infestation*. The Member Country may inform the OIE of the ~~its~~ claimed status ~~and the OIE may publish the claim. Publication does not imply endorsement of the claim.~~ and request ~~that~~ publication by the OIE ~~publish~~ of the self-declaration to ~~for~~ inform~~ation~~ ~~of~~ OIE Member Countries.

A Member Country requesting the publication of a self-declaration should follow the Standard Operating Procedure (available on the OIE website)~~[[2]](#footnote-2)~~ for submission of a self-declaration of ~~disease freedom~~ ~~an~~ *animal health status* and provide documented information on its compliance with the relevant chapters of the *Terrestrial Code*, including:

‒ evidence that the *infection* or *infestation* ~~disease~~ is a *notifiable disease* in the entire country;

‒ history of absence or eradication of the *infection* or *infestation* ~~disease~~ in the country, *zone* or *compartment*;

‒ *surveillance* ~~and~~ including an *early warning system* for all relevant species in the country, *zone* or *compartment*;

‒ measures implemented to maintain freedom in the country, *zone* or *compartment.*

The self-declaration may be published only after all the information provided has been received and ~~an~~ administrative and technical screening has been performed by the OIE. Publication does not imply endorsement of the claim of freedom by the OIE and does not reflect the official opinion of the OIE. Responsibility for the accuracy of the information contained in a self-declaration lies entirely with the OIE Delegate of the Member Country concerned.

Except when otherwise provided for in the *listed disease*-specific chapter, a~~A~~n *outbreak* in a Member Country, a *zone* or a *compartment* having a self-declared free status results in the loss of the self-declared free status. A Member Country~~ies~~ wishing to reclaim a lost free status should submit a new self-declaration following the procedure described in this article.

The OIE does not publish self-declarations for ~~of freedom~~ ~~for~~ ~~from~~ ~~bovine spongiform encephalopathy (BSE), foot and mouth disease (FMD), contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (CBPP), African horse sickness (AHS), peste des petits ruminants (PPR) and classical swine fever (CSF)~~ *listed diseases* ~~listed~~ ~~under~~ in point 1) of Article ~~1.6.21bis~~. 1.6.1.

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1. ~~http://www.oie.int/en/animal-health-in-the-world/official-disease-status/official-recognition-policy-and-procedures/~~  [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)