



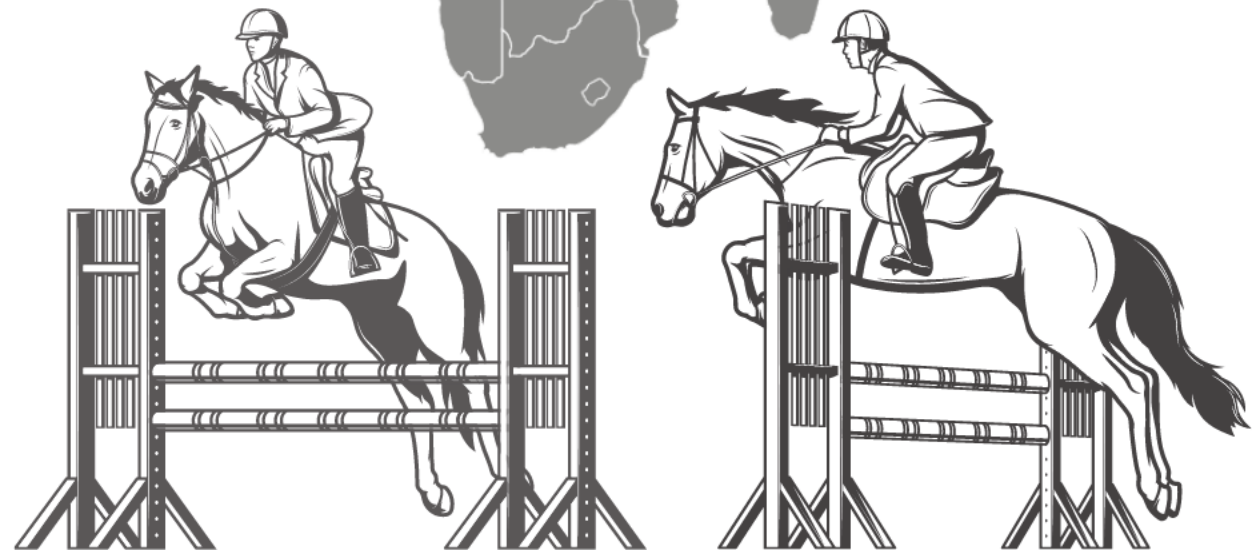
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OIE 3rd Regional Webinar on:

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Procedure for the application for the publication by the OIE of a self-declaration of animal health status

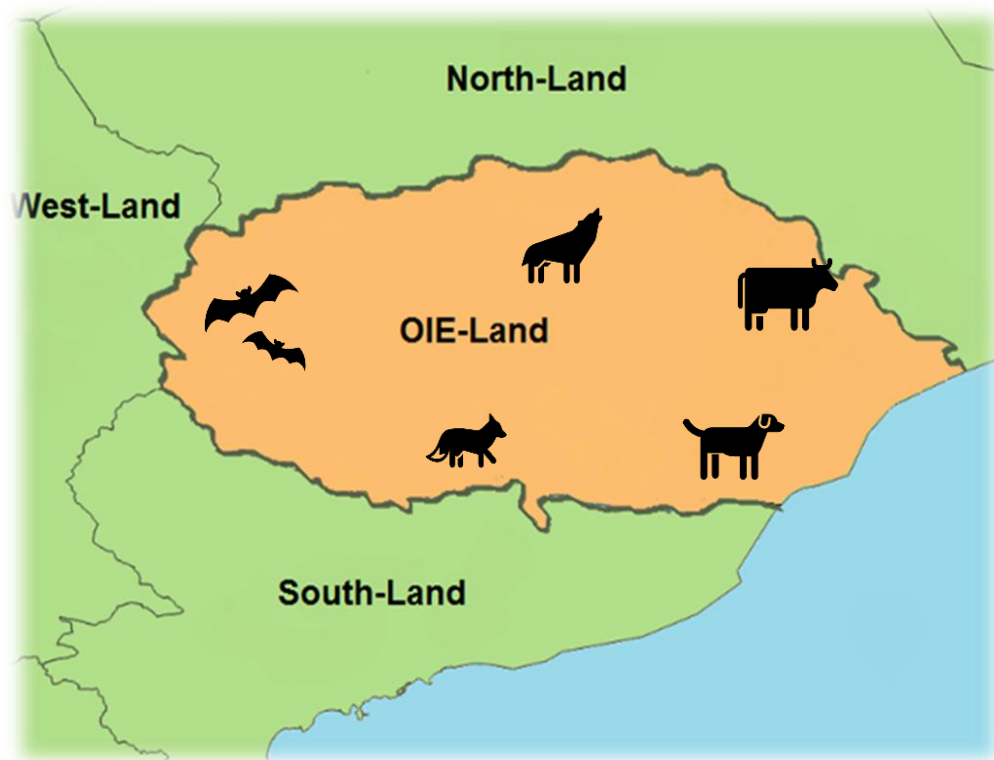
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Self-declaration of animal health status

The animal health status with regard to a specific disease is favourable in your country and you consider that it would be important to:



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





Self-declaration of animal health status

Equine diseases' situation in your country meets all requirements of the OIE *Terrestrial Animal Health Code*?

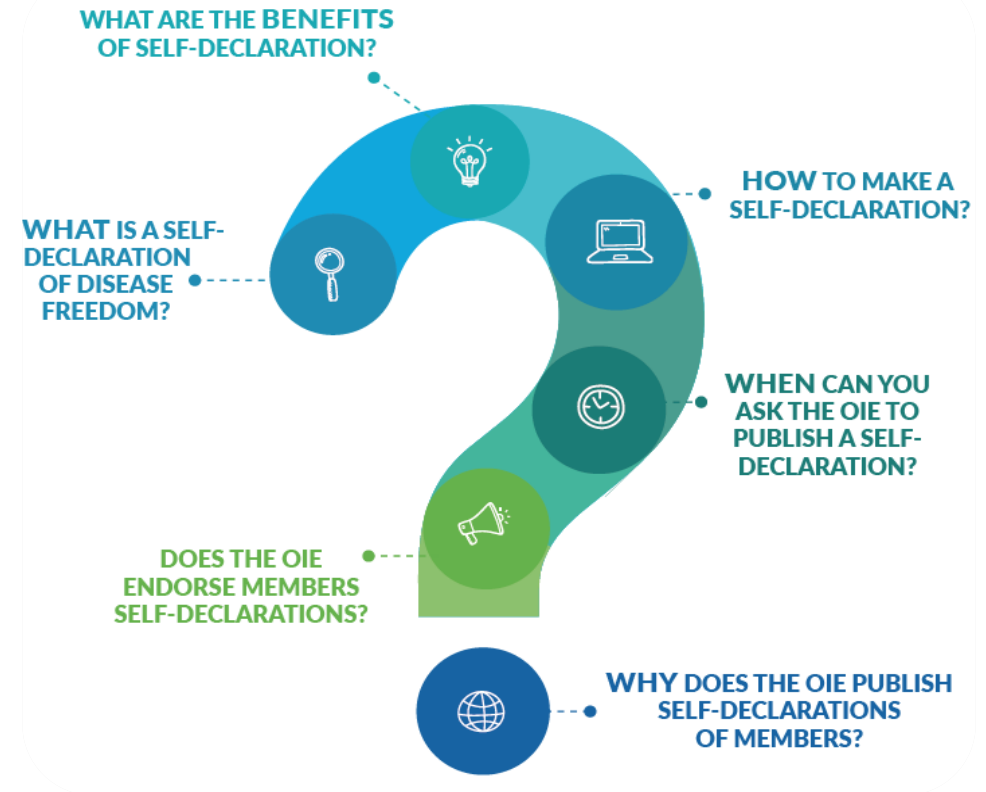
Spread the news and submit a self-declaration of your country's freedom to the OIE for its publication!

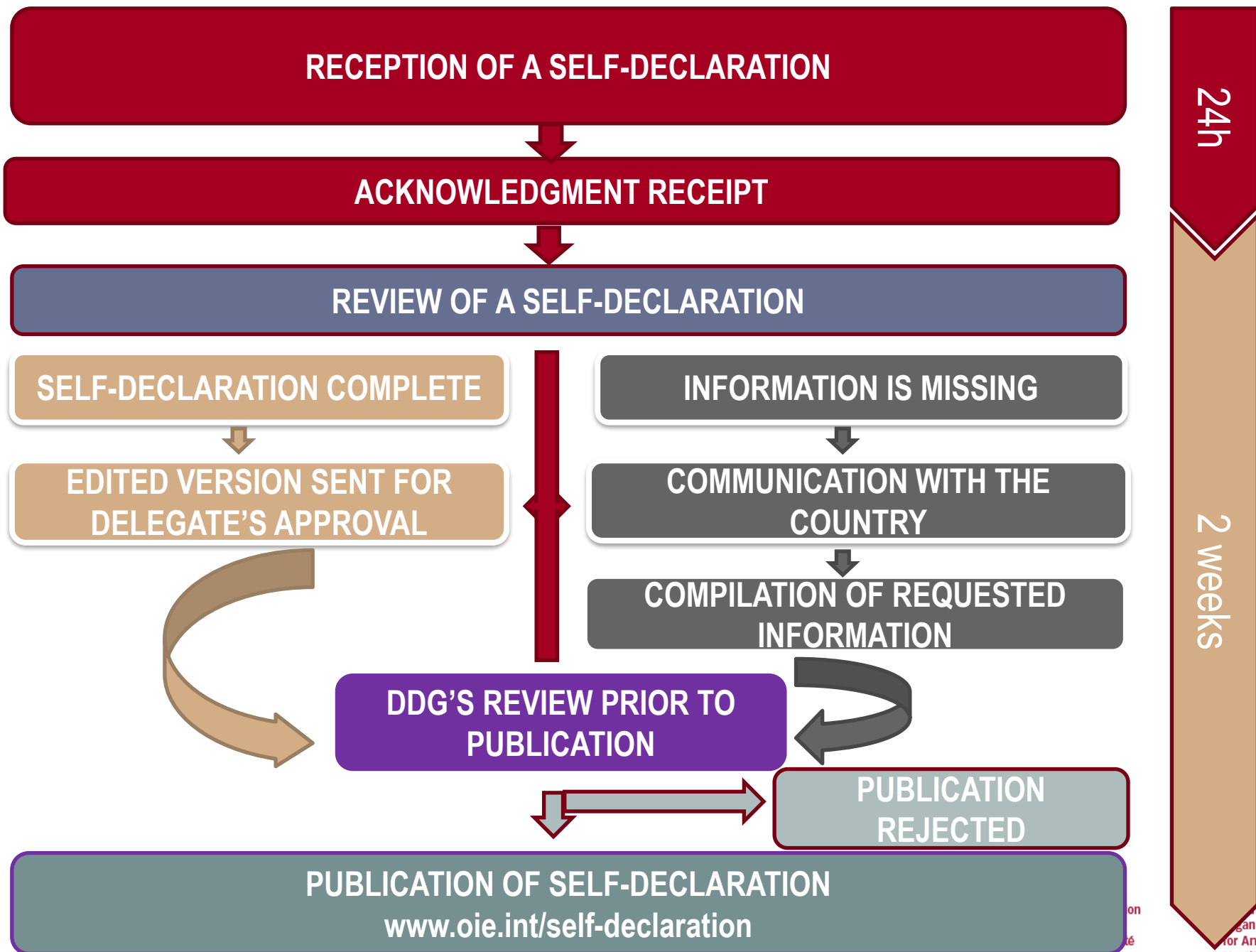




A **self-declaration of disease freedom** is a documented statement from the Delegate of the OIE Member and it is entirely under his/her responsibility.

- Documented **compliance** with the provisions of **Chapter 1.6.** and **disease-specific chapters** of the *Terrestrial Code*
- Following the **Standard Operating Procedure** on the publication of self-declarations

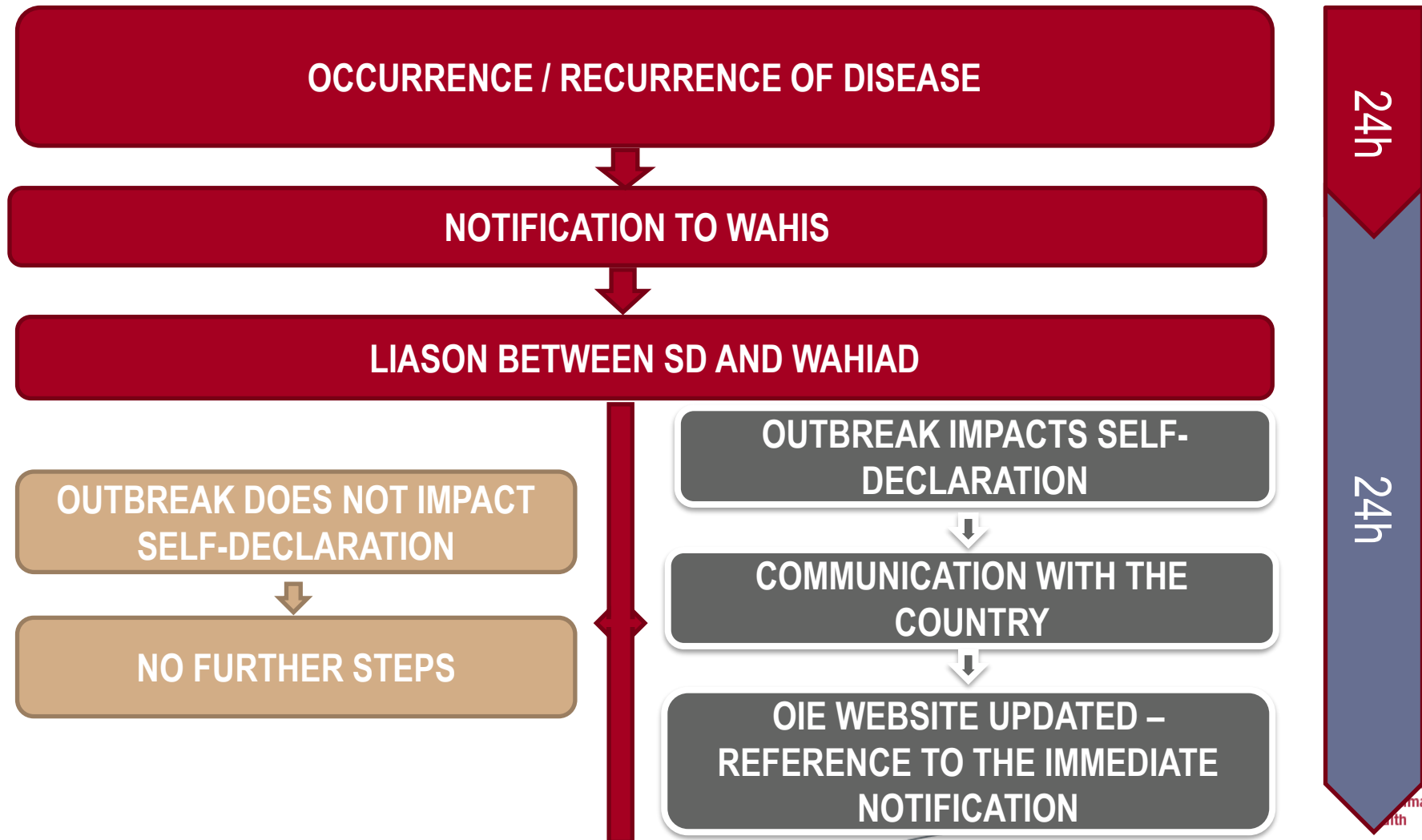




The same procedure applies for recovery of disease freedom

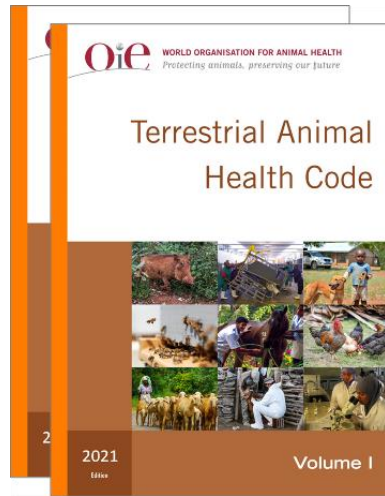


Loss of a self-declared disease freedom





Internal screening of self-declarations



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Documented evidence on compliance with the Codes' provisions

Consistency with OIE-WAHIS

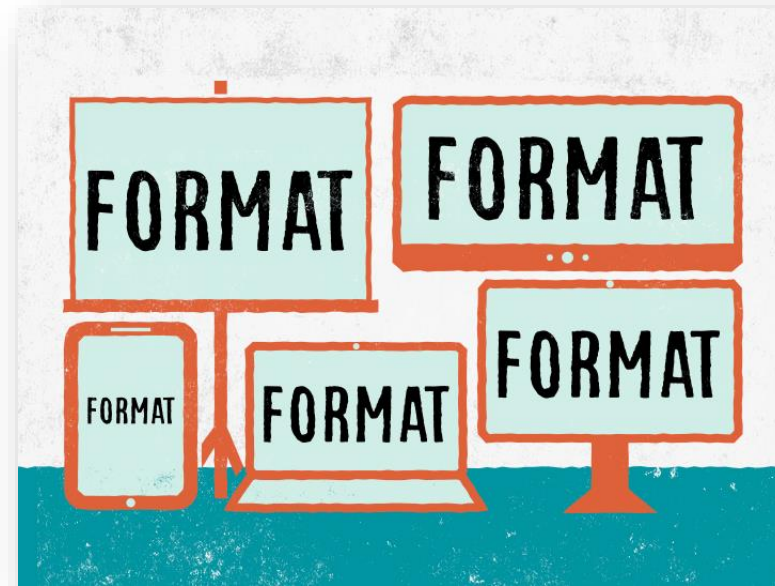
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Format of the self-declaration

- Size
- Language
- File compatibility
- Submission format



When in doubt, please visit the dedicated self-declaration webpage!

www.oie.int/self-declaration



Very important points

- 🏠 **The responsibility lies entirely under the OIE Delegate of the Member**
- 🏠 **The OIE does not endorse Members' self-declarations**
- 🏠 **Self-declaration cannot be made for diseases for which the OIE has an official recognition procedure**
- 🏠 **No submission deadline**





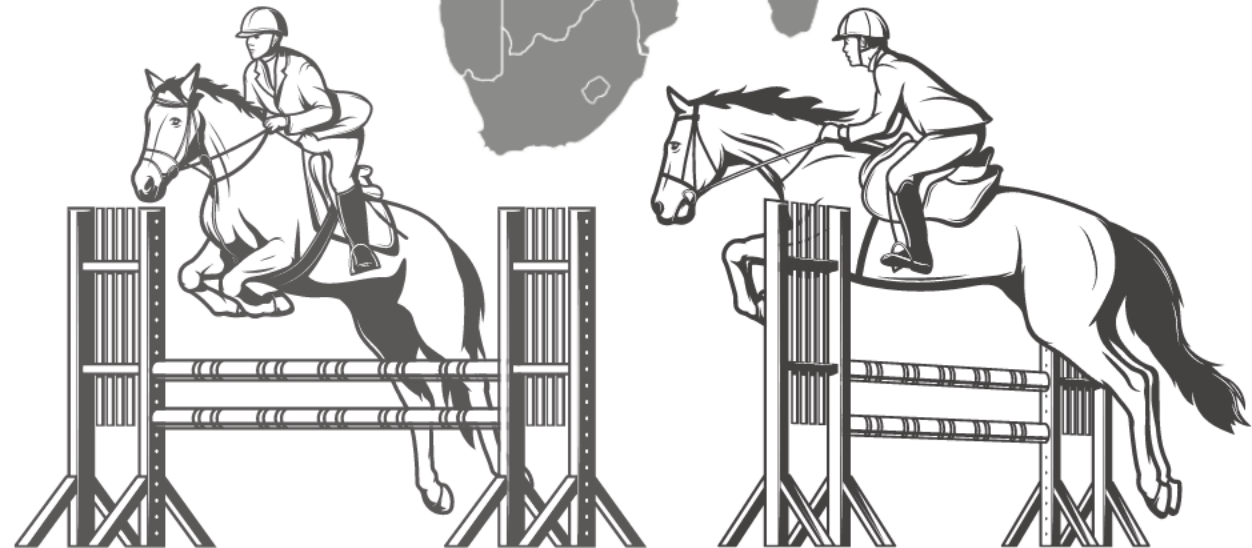
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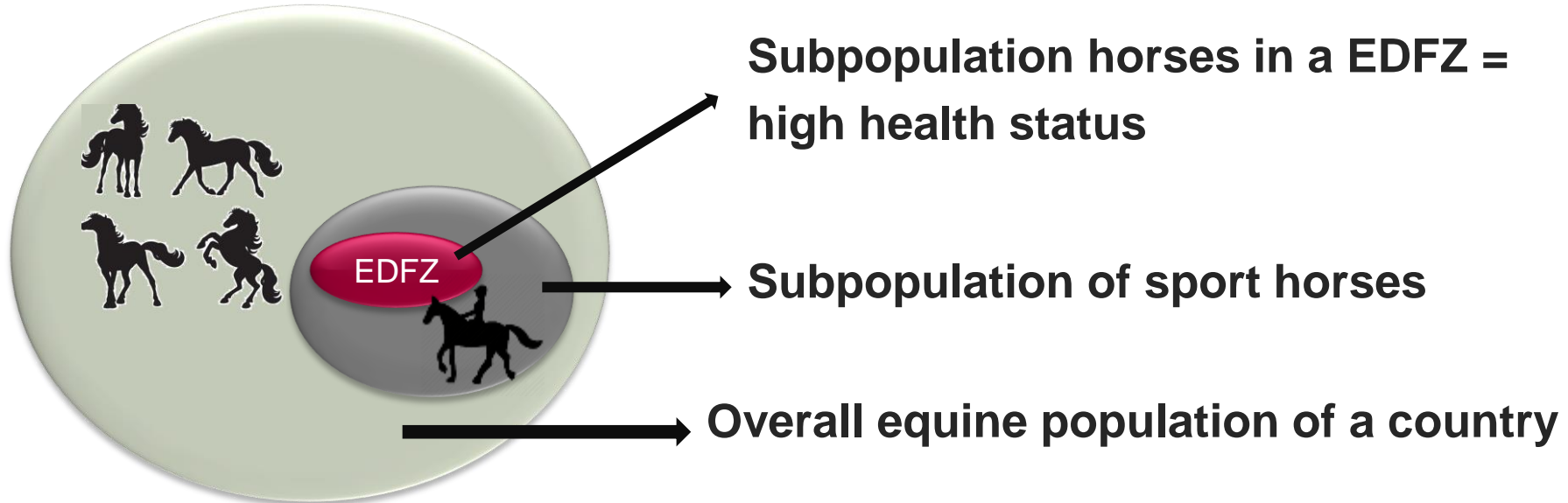
**Application for the publication by the OIE
of the establishment of an Equine Disease
Free Zone (EDFZ)**

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EDFZ: An IHSC-OIE tool to facilitate international movements of competition horses

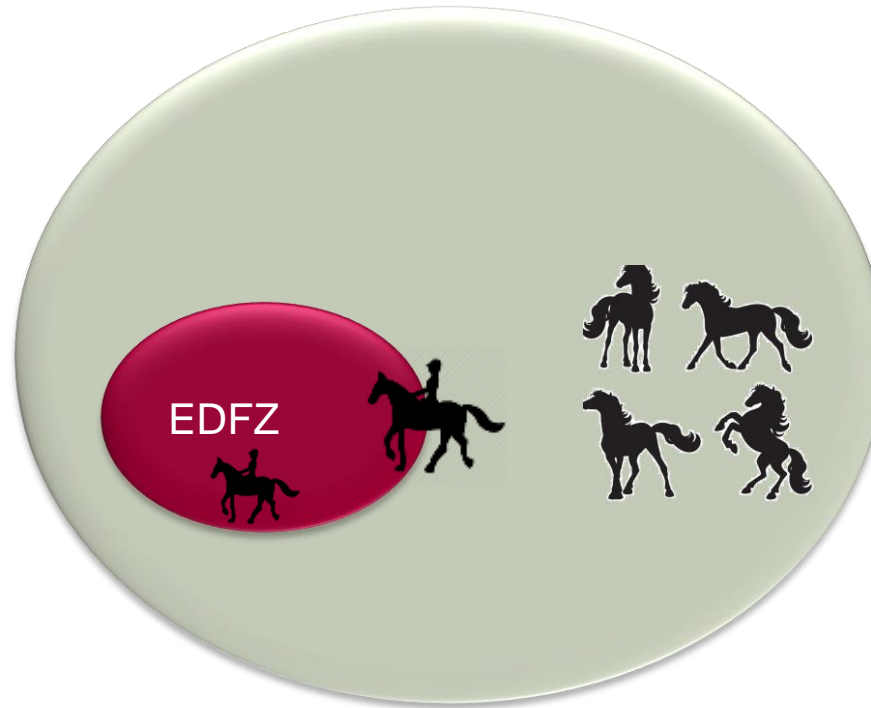


- A specific area defined on the basis of **geographic boundaries**
- Defined by and under the control of the **Veterinary Authority**
- Contains an animal subpopulation **with a specific animal health status** with respect to multiple specified equine diseases



Purpose of the EDFZ

Protects equids in the EDFZ from diseases that may occur in other parts of the territory



Protects equids outside of the EDFZ from diseases that potentially could be imported into the zone

Enables the safe entry and exit of horses



Purpose of the EDFZ

Option for countries

- Planning **to host an international sport event**
- Having not yet controlled/eradicated all equine diseases in their entire territory
- BUT are able to do it in smaller zone



Key benefits

- Mitigate health risk for horses competing in the EDFZ
- Increase the number of nations participating in the event
- Simplified requirements for import and re-entry of horses



OIE- IHSC Public Private collaboration agreement

Development of risk based frameworks (HHP, EDFZ)

Equine Disease-Free Zones (EDFZ)

Defined on the basis of **geographic boundaries**

CHAPTER 4.4.

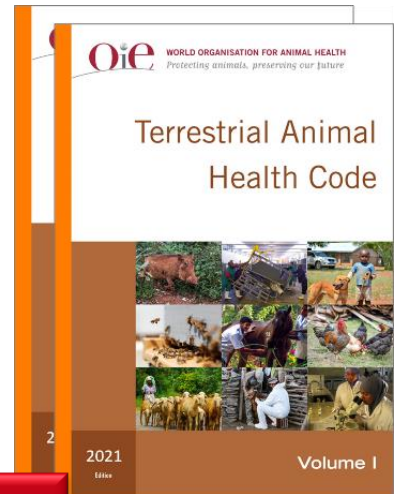
ZONING AND COMPARTMENTALISATION

High health, high performance (HHP)

Based on sound **management and biosecurity measures**

CHAPTER 4.17.

HIGH HEALTH STATUS HORSE SUBPOPULATION



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Joint initiatives to facilitate international horse movements

As part of this collaboration, the OIE and IHSC held regional and sub-regional workshops to build skills and knowledge through different experiences and to facilitate the implementation of best practices from OIE Standards.

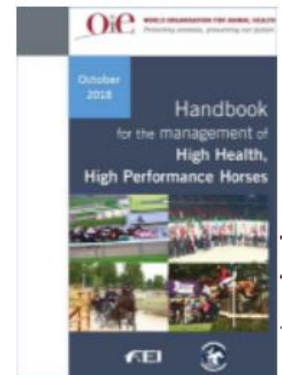
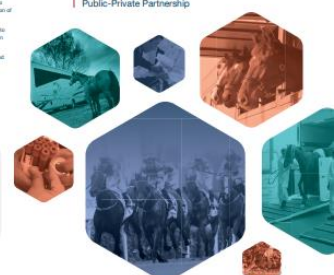
These workshops help to create dialogue between public and private entities. They are key to identifying the main concerns as well as to developing and implementing joint strategies on cross-border movement of horses.

Furthermore, scientific studies carried out under the OIE-IHSC collaboration have contributed to the creation and update of the OIE standards on the movement of horses and welfare guidelines. These studies include research on diagnostic tests and the development of new vaccines.



Facilitation of the international movement of competition horses

Outcomes of a successful Public-Private Partnership



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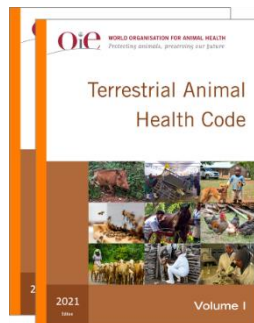
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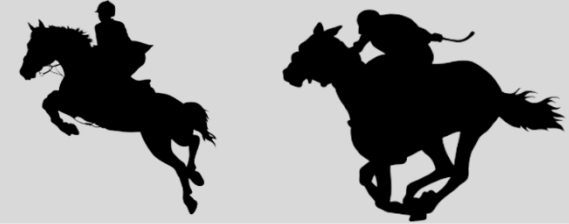
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ZONE OIE *Terrestrial Code* - Definition

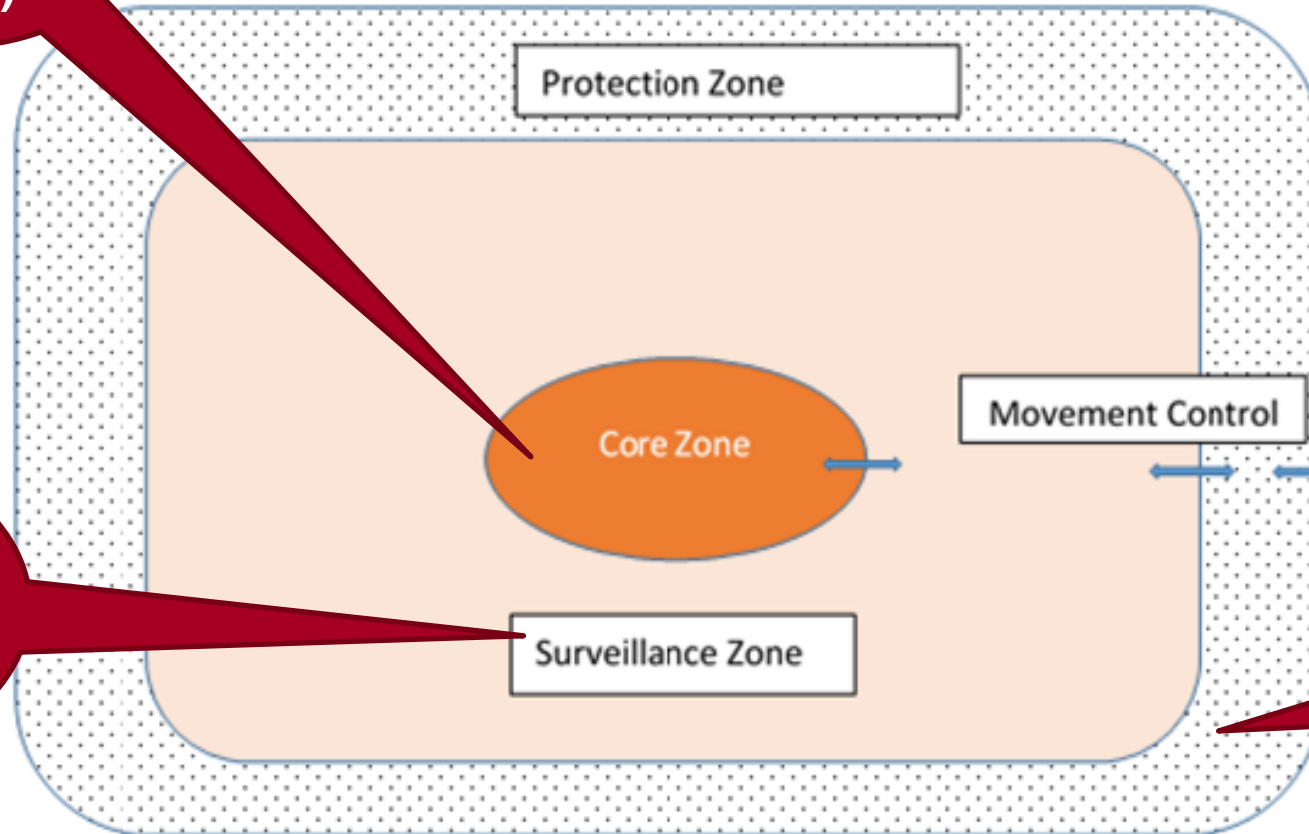
- A clearly defined part of a territory
- Containing an animal subpopulation
- With a distinct health status with respect to a specific disease
- For which required surveillance, control and biosecurity measures have been applied for the purpose of international trade





Structure of an EDFZ

Event venue
(core Zone)



Control of movements,
Surveillance and
early detection
system in place

PZ: buffer
zone,
optional



Establishment of an EDFZ

4 Pre-requisites for establishment of the EDFZ:

- I. Quality of the Veterinary Services**
- II. Staff and resources**
- III. Assessment of the equine health situation**
- IV. Risk mitigation and risk management**



Establishment of an EDFZ

- **Define objective of the EDFZ**
 - define diseases of concern and purpose of the EDFZ (**19 OIE listed diseases** of relevance to equids, diseases of relevance for competition purposes, not for breeding)

- **Extend and limits of the EDFZ**
 - How it will be separated from the rest of the territory

- **Management of the EDFZ**
 - Identification and traceability
 - Disease surveillance to demonstrate disease freedom
 - Biosecurity to prevent disease introduction into and out of the EDFZ
 - Control of movement in/out (animals, fomites, people)
 - Continuous Veterinary Supervision



Structure of a Self-Declaration of an EDFZ dossier to be send to the OIE for publication

- **Veterinary Services**
 - history of prompt and regular reporting to the OIE
 - Quality of Veterinary Services (governance, economic and technical resources, diagnostic capabilities)
 - Clearly articulated Public- Private Partnership with industry

- **Management and Maintenance of the EDFZ**
 - Import requirements/ Pre-entry isolation
 - Movement controls

- **Biosecurity Plan**
 - Biosecurity procedures for entry of animals, humans and equipment, waste, cleaning and disinfection



Structure of a Self-Declaration of an EDFZ dossier to be send to the OIE for publication

- **Contingency Plans**
 - To ensure the early detection of any disease incident, rapid response, containment and traceability

- **Reporting Procedures**
 - reporting procedures in place within the EDFZ and between the Veterinary Services

- **Dossier conclusion**
 - Disclaimer/declaration by the Delegate, Dates for starting and expiration of EDFZ



EDFZ - Successful stories

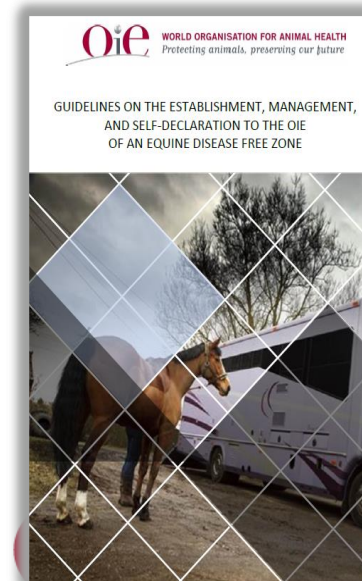
Publication of self-declarations on horse related diseases including EDFZ at the OIE website





Take home messages on EDFZ

- Risk based approach and optional tool
- PPP between Veterinary Services and the Horse industry
- An EDFZ is a practical and effective way of expanding international equine competition and facilitating international equine trading relationships
- Allow more nations to organise international events
- Does not replace bi- or multilateral agreements
- EDFZ Guidelines- OIE assistance on request-OIE trainings
- A Self-declaration of an EDFZ can be published at the OIE website





Thank you for your
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