

# GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND PROCEDURES RELATED TO THE PUBLICATION OF SELF- DECLARATIONS

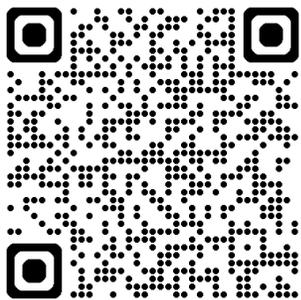
## Workshop on the Surveillance, Diagnosis, Control and Prevention of *Brucellosis* in Arab Countries

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# Self-declared Disease Status

In accordance with the provisions of the Terrestrial Animal Health Code (Terrestrial Code) or the Aquatic Animal Health Code (Aquatic Code), Members may wish to self-declare the freedom of their country, zone or compartment from a disease. A Member wishing to publish its self-declaration for disease-freedom, should provide the relevant documented evidence of compliance with the provisions of the relevant chapters of the Codes.





## Self-Declarations

Disease name

brucella

## Category filter

- Select all  
 Terrestrial

## Status filter

- Active

## Temporary

All ▾

## Regional filter

- Select all  
 Africa  
 Americas  
 Asia Pacific  
 Europe  
 Middle East

## Member filter

All ▾

Member

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Member	Self-declared freedom from	Category	From*	To	Country/zone/ compartment	Status	Temporary
Chile	<a href="#">Brucella melitensis (Inf. with)</a>	Terrestrial	2024-05-14		Country	Active	No
New Zealand	<a href="#">Brucella abortus (Inf. with)</a>	Terrestrial	2021-04-17		Country	Active	No
Japan	<a href="#">Brucella abortus, Brucella melitensis and Brucella suis (inf. with)</a>	Terrestrial	2021-04-01		Country	Active	No
Egypt	<a href="#">Infection with Brucella abortus, Brucella melitensis and Brucella suis</a>	Terrestrial	2021-01-01		Compartment	Active	No
Romania	<a href="#">Brucella abortus (Inf. with)</a>	Terrestrial	2020-01-01		Country	Active	No

# Official recognition of animal health status vs. self-declarations health status

## Self-declared Disease

WOAH will not publish self-declarations of animal health status for diseases with official recognition of animal health status

freedom of their country, zone or compartment from a disease. A Member wishing to publish its self-declaration for disease-freedom, should provide the relevant documented evidence of compliance with the provisions of the relevant chapters of the Codes.

# Why self-declare freedom from a disease?

Your country has a favourable animal health status for a particular disease  
The self-declaration can:

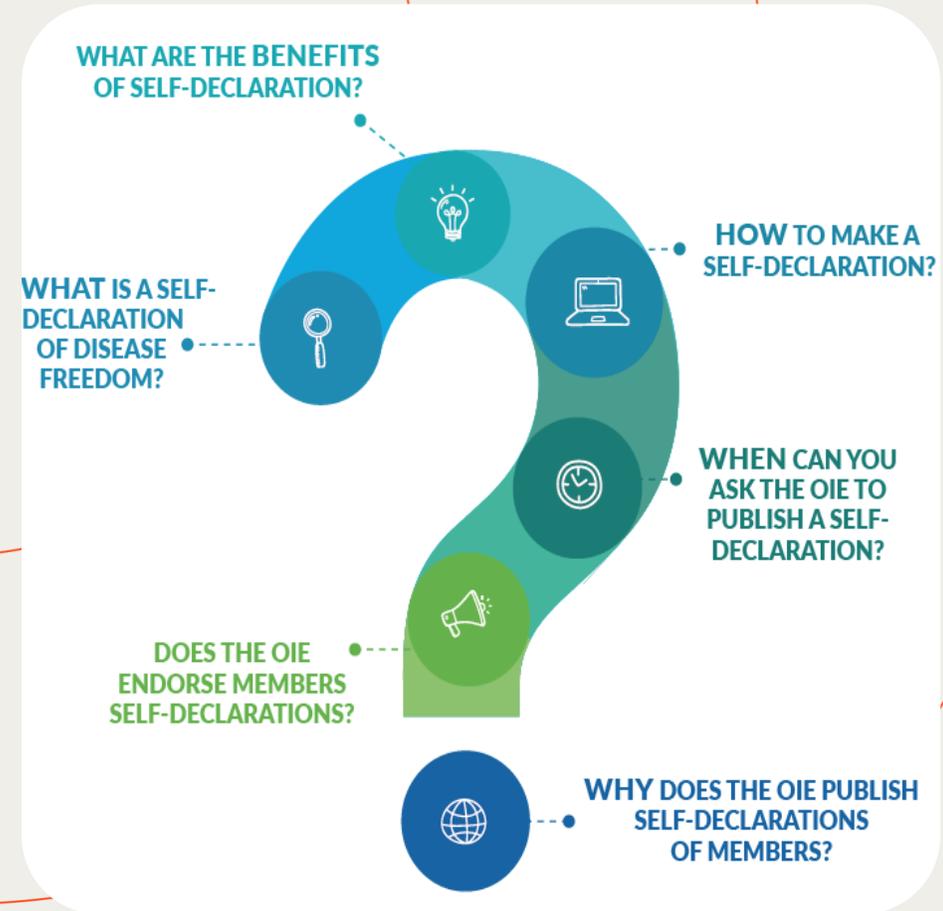
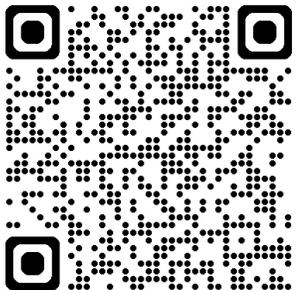


- Increase **visibility** of disease freedom
- Promote your country's **good animal health practices** & **quality** of the **Veterinary Services**
- Demonstrate **transparency** in animal disease situation & continuous **compliance** with **WOAH standards**

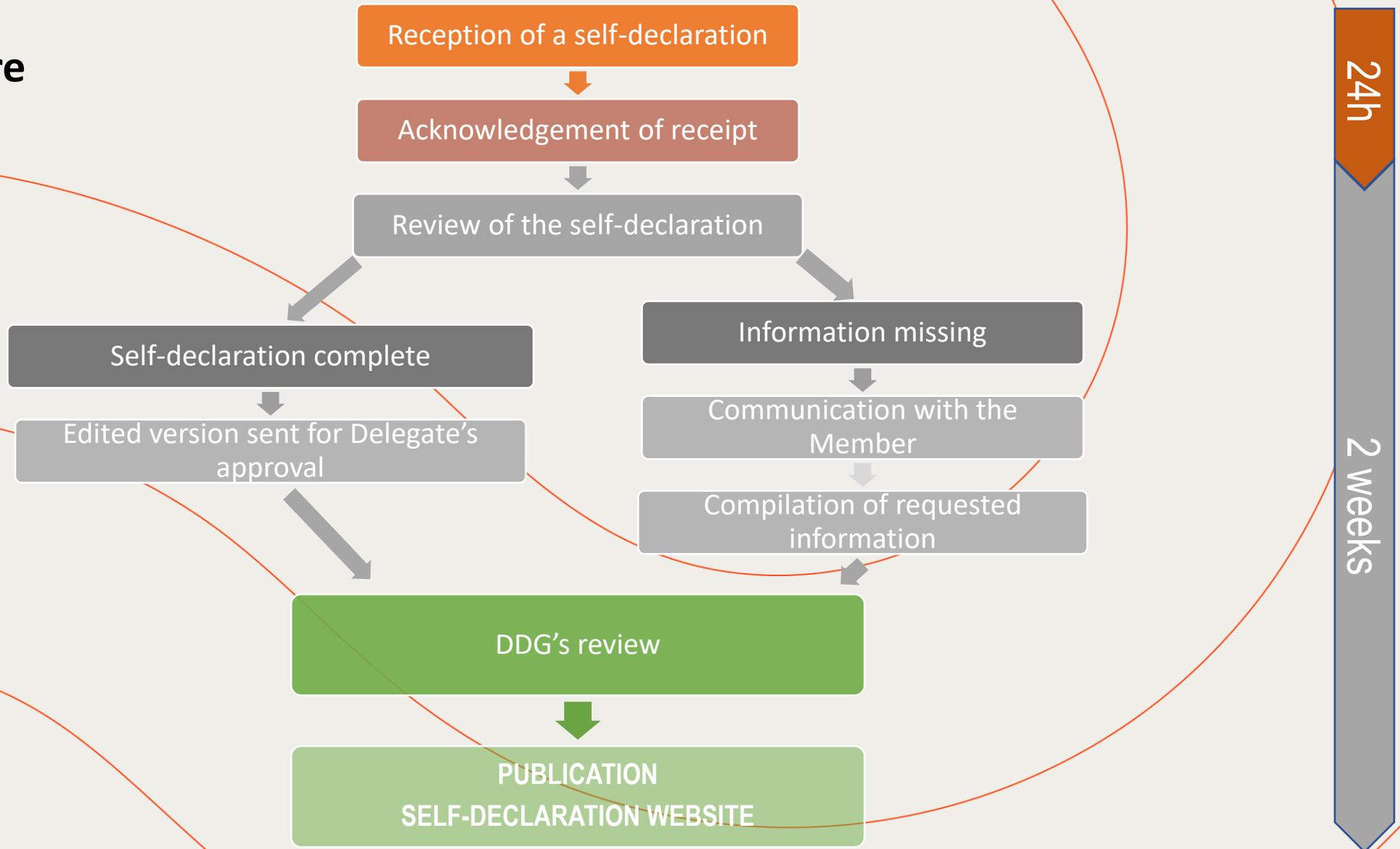


A **self-declaration of disease freedom** is a documented statement from the Delegate of the Member and it is entirely under the Delegate's responsibility.

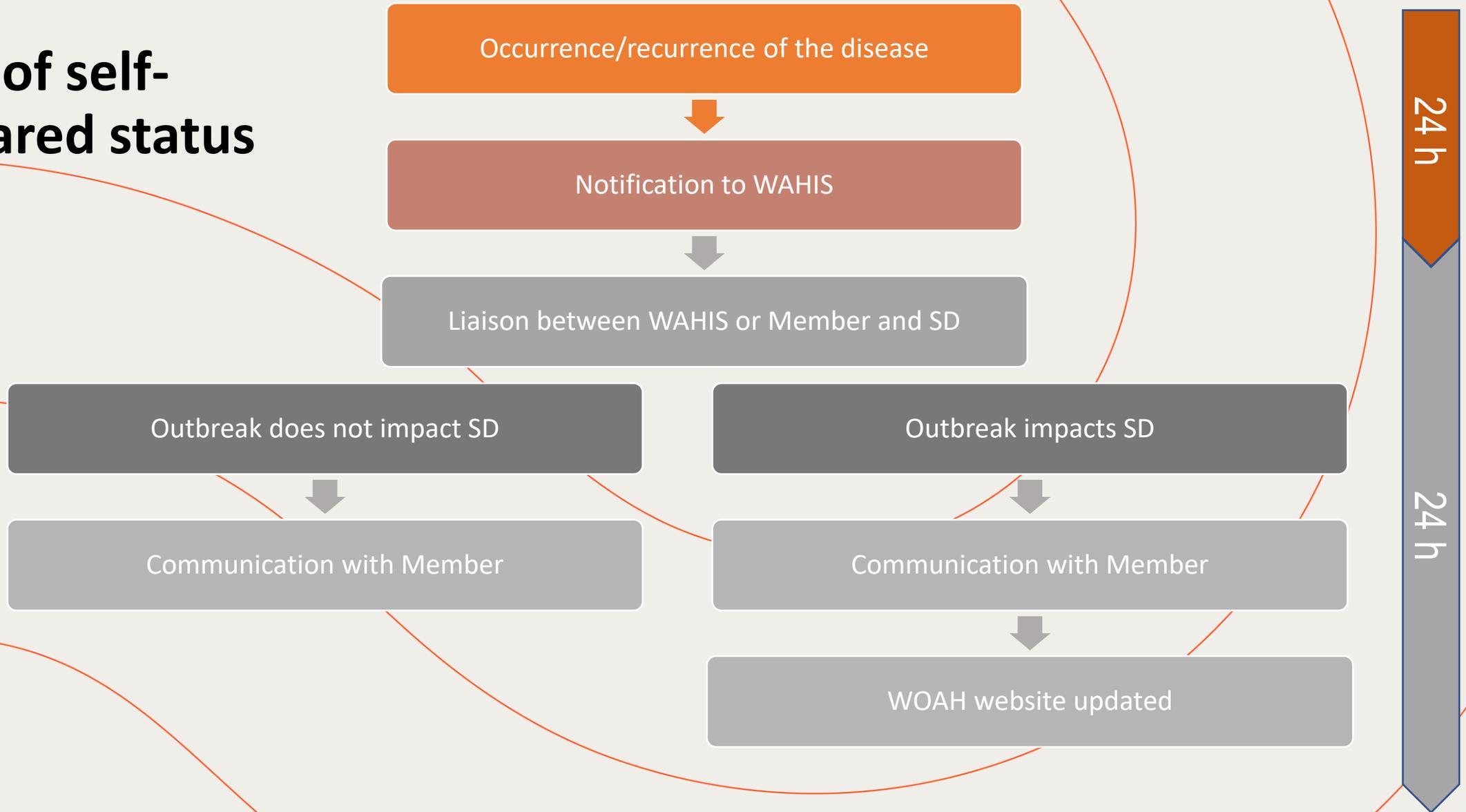
- Documented **compliance** with the provisions of **Article 1.6.3.** and with **disease-specific articles** of the *Terrestrial Code*
- Following the **Standard Operating Procedure** for the publication of self-declarations



- The procedure

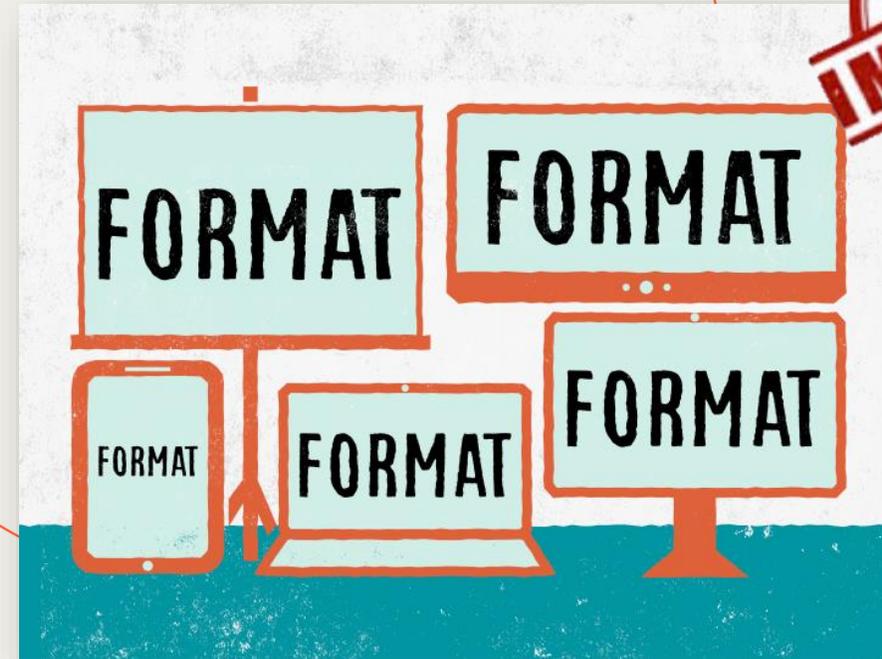


- **Loss of self-declared status**



## • Format

- 📌 Size
- 📌 Language
- 📌 Structure
- 📌 File compatibility
- 📌 Submission format
- 📌 SOP
  - 📌 Annex II and Annex III



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

[www.woah.org/self-declaration](http://www.woah.org/self-declaration)



## • Challenges

- 🏠 **Events not closed in WAHIS**
- 🏠 **Time requirements not included (surveillance after stamping out, time requirements for freedom)**
- 🏠 **Starting date of the SD**
- 🏠 **Submission to another Department**



- **Strengths**

- 🏠 **Submission ahead of time**
- 🏠 **SDs that account for previous comments and publications**
- 🏠 **Clarity of structure**
- 🏠 **Hyperlinks to legislation or documents that substantiate statements**
- 🏠 **Test results presentation**



- **Very important points**

**It is not an official recognition by WOA**

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

# Thank you for your attention!

- For more information please contact: [disease.status@woah.org](mailto:disease.status@woah.org) | [self-declaration@woah.org](mailto:self-declaration@woah.org)
- [Diseases Status page: www.woah.org/official-status](http://www.woah.org/official-status)
- [Terrestrial Code: www.woah.org/terrestrial-code](http://www.woah.org/terrestrial-code)

