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**Official Status / Endorsed Official Control Programmes  
Annual reconfirmations and on-line annual reconfirmation system**

Dear Delegate,

As stated in Resolution No. 15 of the 2020 Adapted Procedure, Members having at least one official status recognised by WOAH or an official control programme endorsed by WOAH are obliged to reconfirm, during the month of November each year, their continuing conformity in accordance with this Resolution and the corresponding articles in the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code (Terrestrial Code)*. Failure to comply with these provisions could result in the revoking of the status or of the endorsement. The Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) on the reconfirmation of officially recognised animal health status and the endorsement of official control programmes can be consulted on the website at: [Official Disease Status - WOAH - World Organisation for Animal Health](#).

A dedicated on-line system allows the Delegates to fill in the relevant annual reconfirmation forms and upload the supportive documents that they should submit to WOAH for maintenance of the recognised official status or endorsed official control programme.

This on-line system is available at:

[www.woah.org/annual-reconfirmation](http://www.woah.org/annual-reconfirmation)

The on-line system will be accessible from the 1st of November 2022 with the Delegate's username and password (same as the access for the Delegates site).

Supportive documents should be provided as stated in the relevant *Terrestrial Code* chapter and annual reconfirmation forms. All annual reconfirmation forms and supportive documents should be submitted by the **end of November 2022**.

**For Members having a status officially recognised by WOAH with regard to peste des petits ruminants (PPR) or classical swine fever (CSF)**, please note that a document titled '*Guidance on submission of supportive information for the annual reconfirmation of [PPR/CSF] status*' is available providing examples and clarifying the type of documented evidence to be submitted for substantiating the answer to each question of these annual reconfirmation forms in accordance with the relevant requirements of Chapters 14.7. on infection with PPR virus and 15.2. on infection with CSF virus of the *Terrestrial Code*. Please find enclosed the guidance documents for your ease of reference, which are also available [here](#).

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The Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases (the Scientific Commission) allocates time every year in the agenda of its February meeting to assess the annual reconfirmations provided by Members for the maintenance of their official status and the progress of endorsed official control programmes. In accordance with the criteria described under Annex 2 of the SOP, the Scientific Commission, at its September 2022 meeting, pre-selected approximately 10% of the annual reconfirmations of the animal health status, to be comprehensively evaluated at its following February 2023 meeting, in addition to all annual reconfirmations for the endorsed control programmes.

**Your country has been selected for a comprehensive review of its annual reconfirmation regarding African horse sickness (AHS) and its official control programme for foot and mouth disease (FMD) endorsed by WOAH.** In particular, I draw your attention to the section at the end of your country's reconfirmations of 2021 for AHS and FMD, on the feedback from the Scientific Commission (enclosed for your ease of reference).

You are kindly requested to ensure that the annual reconfirmations and all relevant supporting documents will be submitted to WOAH by using the on-line annual reconfirmation system **before the end of November 2022.**

In accordance with the relevant resolutions adopted during the Adapted Procedure in May 2020, please include and provide supportive information on the non-contiguous territories that have been included as part of the respective official status when submitting the reconfirmation(s).

Please feel free to directly contact the Status Department ([disease.status@woah.org](mailto:disease.status@woah.org)) in case of any questions.

I thank you for your continuous cooperation and support of the activities of WOAH.

Best regards,



Dr Monique Eloit

Enclosure: Guidance documents on submission of supportive information for the annual reconfirmation of [PPR/CSF] status - China (Peop's Rep of) AHS 2021 annual reconfirmation - China (Peop's Rep of) FMD 2021 annual reconfirmation

cc: Dr J.-P. Dop, Dr M. Arroyo, Dr M.-K. Park, Status Department, Dr C. Zepeda, WOAH Regional Representatives, WOAH Sub-Regional Representatives