

# General requirements and procedures related to the publication of self- declarations



# Why self-declare an 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:

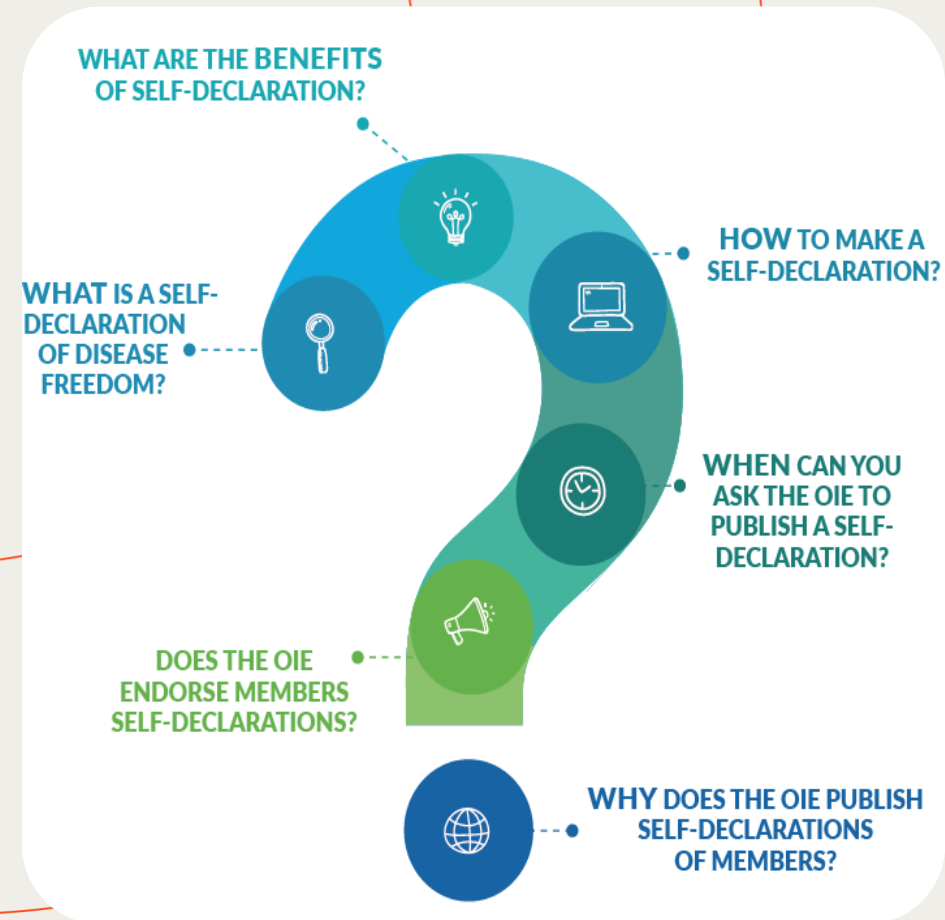


- Increase **visibility** of disease freedom
- Promote **good animal health practice** & **quality** of **Veterinary Services**
- Demonstrate **transparency** in animal disease situation & continuous **compliance** with **WOAH standards**



A **self-declaration of disease freedom** is a documented statement from the Delegate of the Member and it is entirely under his/her 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** on the publication of self-declarations

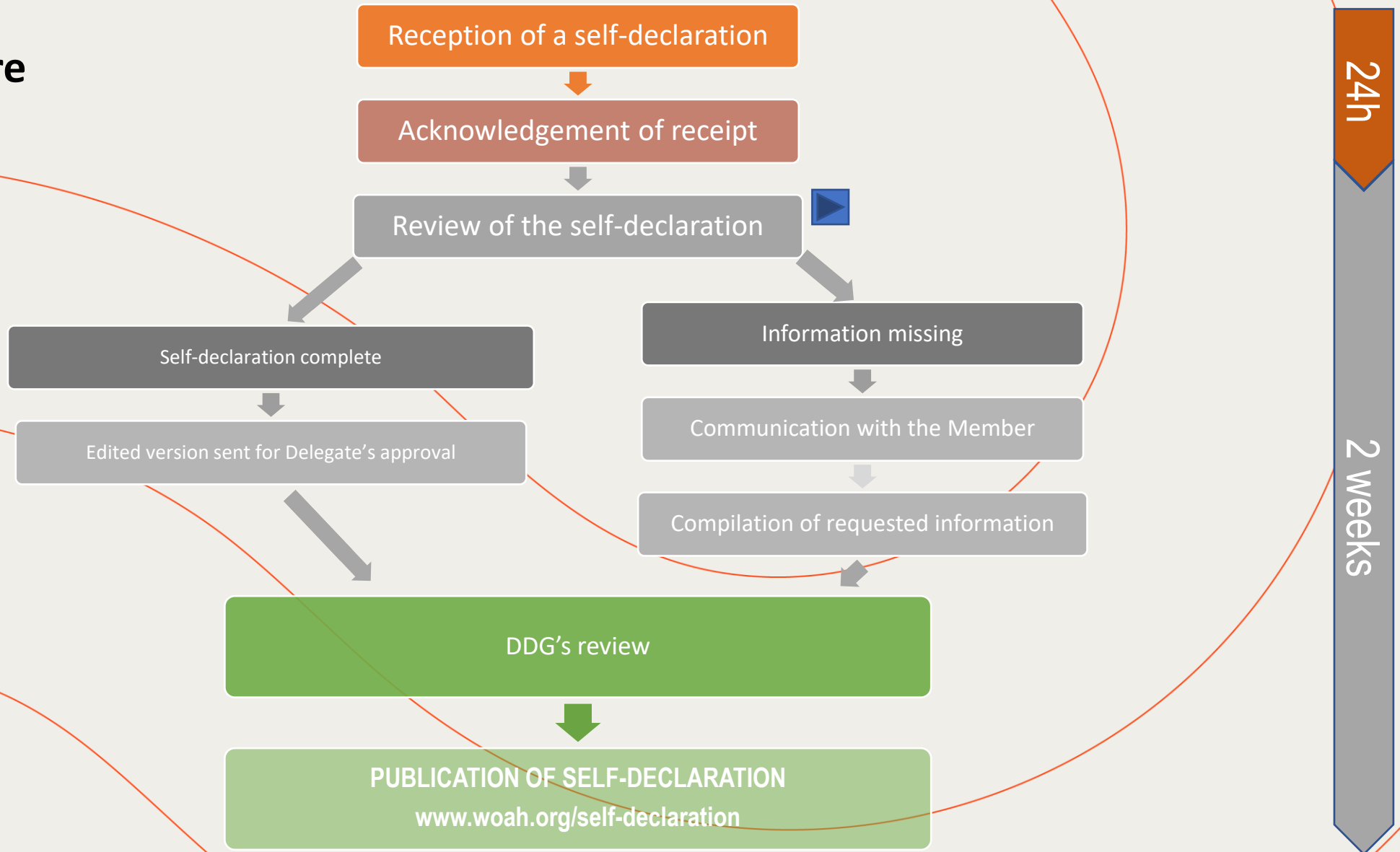




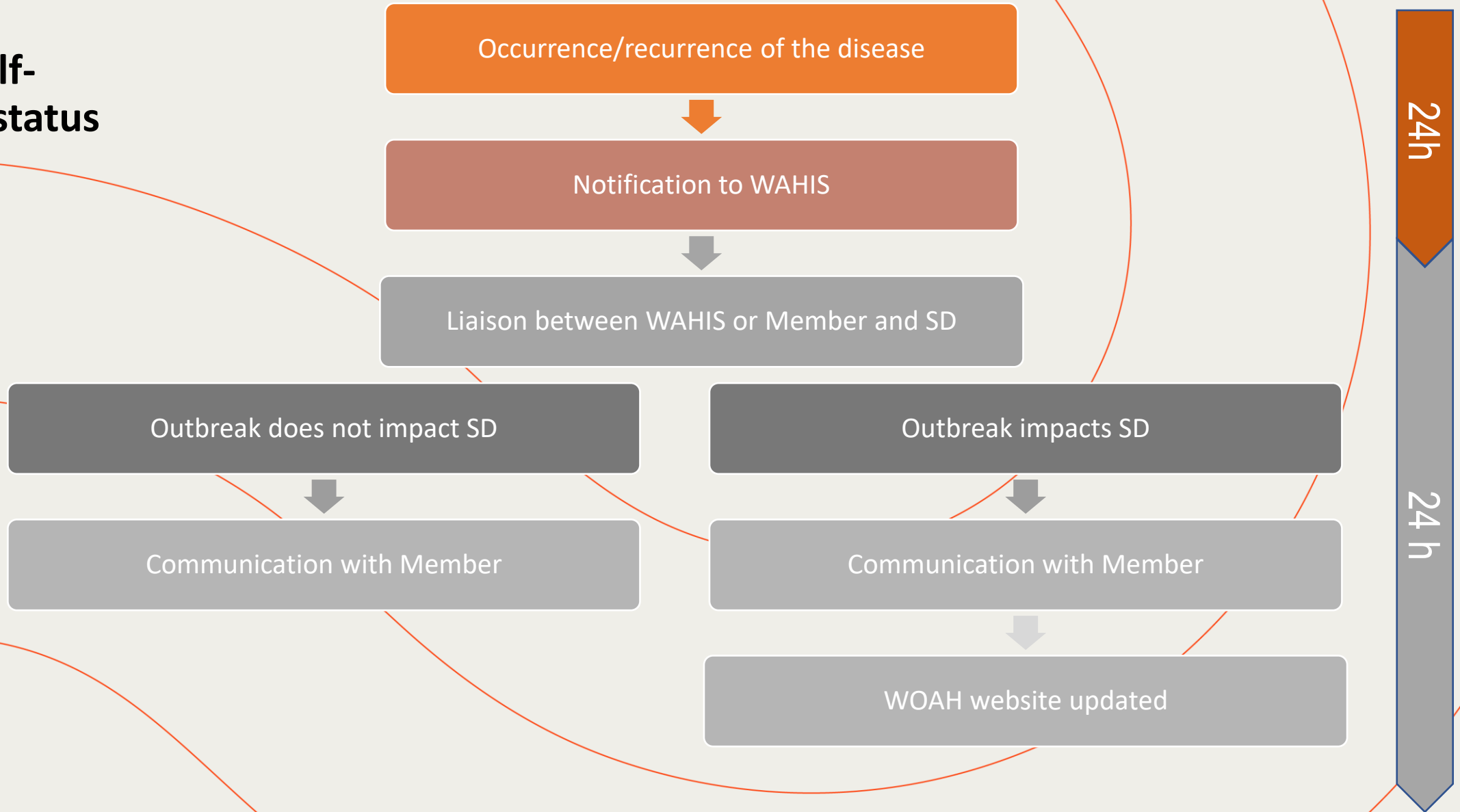
# General requirements relevant to self-declared freedom from ASF



- The procedure

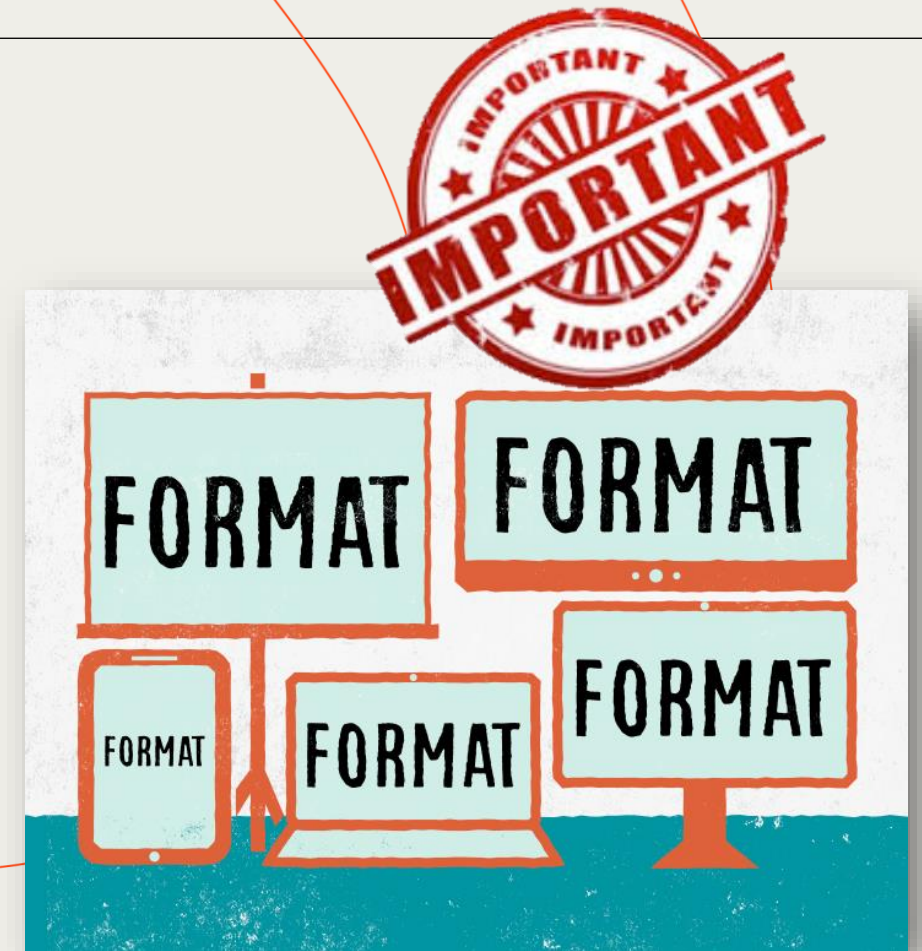


- Loss of self-declared status



- Format

- 📏 Size
- 🗣️ Language
- 🏗️ Structure
- 📁 File compatibility
- 📄 Submission format: Signed disclaimer, start date, zone/country/compartment, references.



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

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

- **Very important points**

## **This 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**





- **Challenges**

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



- Strengths

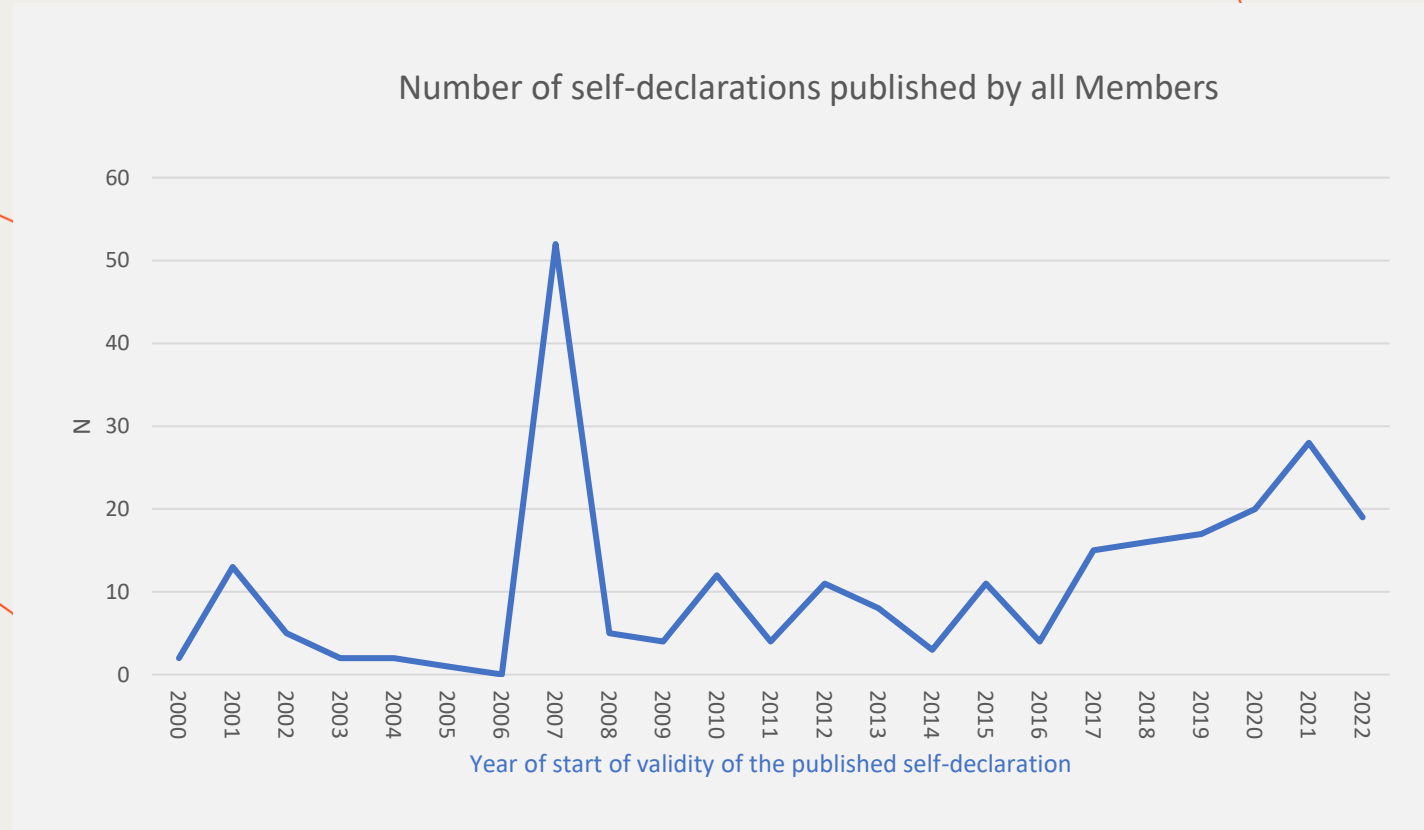
- 🏠 **Submission ahead of time\***
- 🏠 **SDs that account for previous comments, publications.**
- 🏠 **Clarity of structure.**
- 🏠 **Hyperlinks to pieces of legislation/documents that substantiate statements**
- 🏠 **Test results presentation\*\***





- **Trends / popular diseases**

- As of November 15, 2022
- Excluding those that became official status and those discontinued
- Main use: trade



- Popular diseases: ASF and swine vesicular disease (58\*), HPAI (79), rabies (21), Aujesky's disease, Bluetongue, Newcastle disease, brucellosis, scrapie, glanders
- Currently active: 160 (30 HPAI)

# Thank you for your attention!

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- Terrestrial Code: [www.woah.org/terrestrial-code](http://www.woah.org/terrestrial-code)

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