**Form for the annual reconfirmation of the African horse sickness (AHS) status**

**of OIE Members**

**To be filled in, dated, signed by the Delegate and sent back to** **disease.status@oie.int**

 **during the month of November each year**

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| YEAR \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ | COUNTRY\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

**AHS free country**

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| Question | YES | NO |
| 1. Has there been any outbreak of AHS during the past 12 months?
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| 1. Has any evidence of infection with AHS virus been found during the past 12 months?
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| 1. Has systematic [vaccination](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_vaccination) against AHS been carried out during the past 12 months?
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| 1. If equids are imported (including for temporary residence, return and transit), are they imported in accordance with requirements at least as strict as those in Articles 12.1.6. and 12.1.7.?
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| N/A (no importation) |
| 1. If equine semen, embryos and oocytes are imported, are they imported in accordance with requirements at least as strict as those in Articles 12.1.8. and 12.1.9.?
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| N/A (no importation) |
| 1. If your country is not historically free from AHS in accordance with Article [1.4.6., is](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=chapitre_surveillance_general.htm#article_surveillance_general.6.) [surveillance](http://www.oie.int/eng/normes/mcode/en_glossaire.htm#terme_surveillance) in operation in accordance with Articles 12.1.11. to 12.1.13.?
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| N/A (historically free from AHS) |
| 1. Have regulatory measures for the early detection, prevention and control of infection with AHS virus been changed during the past 12 months?
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| 1. Have any changes in the epidemiological situation or other significant events regarding AHS occurred during the past 12 months?
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| Please provide any additional comments and/or relevant material associated to your annual reconfirmation of AHS free country.In particular, please provide relevant documented evidence substantiating your answers to questions 6 to 8. |
| **I certify that the above are correct.**Date: Signature of Delegate: |

**[Reference to the relevant article in the AHS chapter of the *Terrestrial Animal Health Code* (2019)]**

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| Article 12.1.2.**AHS free country or zone**1. A country or [*zone*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_zone_region) may be considered free from AHS when [*infection*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_infection) with AHSV is notifiable in the whole country, systematic [*vaccination*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_vaccination) is prohibited, importation of equids and their semen, oocytes or embryos are carried out in accordance with this chapter, and either:
	1. historical freedom as described in Chapter [1.4.](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=chapitre_surveillance_general.htm#chapitre_surveillance_general) has demonstrated no evidence of AHSV in the country or [*zone*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_zone_region); or
	2. the country or [*zone*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_zone_region) has not reported any [*case*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_cas) of AHS for at least two years and is not adjacent to an infected country or [*zone*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_zone_region); or
	3. a [*surveillance*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_surveillance) programme has demonstrated no evidence of AHSV in the country or [*zone*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_zone_region) for at least two years; or
	4. the country or [*zone*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_zone_region) has not reported any [*case*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_cas) of AHS for at least 40 days and a [*surveillance*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_surveillance) programme has demonstrated no evidence of *Culicoides* for at least two years in the country or [*zone*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_zone_region).
2. An AHS free country or [*zone*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_zone_region) which is adjacent to an infected country or [*zone*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_zone_region) should include a [*zone*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_zone_region) in which [*surveillance*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_surveillance) is conducted in accordance with Articles [12.1.11.](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=chapitre_ahs.htm#article_ahs.11.) to [12.1.13.](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=chapitre_ahs.htm#article_ahs.13.), as relevant.
3. An AHS free country or [*zone*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_zone_region) will not lose its free status through the importation of seropositive or vaccinated equids and their semen, oocytes or embryos from infected countries or [*zones*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_zone_region), provided these imports are carried out in accordance with this chapter.
4. To qualify for inclusion in the list of AHS free countries or [*zones*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_zone_region), a Member Country should:
	1. have a record of regular and prompt animal disease reporting;
	2. send a declaration to the OIE stating:
		1. the section under point 1) on which the application is based;
		2. no routine [*vaccination*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_vaccination) against AHS has been carried out during the past year in the country or [*zone*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_zone_region);
		3. equids are imported in accordance with this chapter;
	3. supply documented evidence that:
		1. [*surveillance*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_surveillance) in accordance with Articles [12.1.11.](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=chapitre_ahs.htm#article_ahs.11.) to [12.1.13.](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=chapitre_ahs.htm#article_ahs.13.) is applied, unless historically free in accordance with Article [1.4.6.](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=chapitre_surveillance_general.htm#article_surveillance_general.6.);
		2. regulatory measures for the early detection, prevention and control of [*infection*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_infection) with AHSV have been implemented.
5. The Member Country will be included in the list only after the submitted evidence has been accepted by the OIE. Retention on the list requires that the information in points 4*b) ii)* and *iii)* and 4 *c)* above be annually re-submitted and changes in the epidemiological situation or other significant events be reported to the OIE in accordance with the requirements in Chapter [1.1.](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=chapitre_notification.htm#chapitre_notification), and in particular, formally state that:
	1. there has been no [*outbreak*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_foyer_de_maladie) of AHS during the past year in the country or [*zone*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_zone_region);
	2. no evidence of [*infection*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_infection) with AHSV has been found during the past year in the country or [*zone*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_zone_region).
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**AHS free zone**

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| Question | YES | NO |
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| 1. If equids are introduced into the free zone (including for temporary residence, return and transit), are they introduced in accordance with requirements at least as strict as those in Articles 12.1.6. and 12.1.7.?
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| N/A (no importation) |
| 1. If equine semen, embryos and oocytes are introduced into the free zone, are introduced in accordance with requirements at least as strict as those in Articles 12.1.8. and 12.1.9.?
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| N/A (no importation) |
| 1. If the zone is not historically free from AHS in accordance with Article [1.4.6., is](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=chapitre_surveillance_general.htm#article_surveillance_general.6.) [surveillance](http://www.oie.int/eng/normes/mcode/en_glossaire.htm#terme_surveillance) in operation in accordance with Articles 12.1.11. to 12.1.13.?
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| N/A (historically free from AHS) |
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| Please provide any additional comments and/or relevant material associated to your annual reconfirmation of AHS free zone.In particular, please provide relevant documented evidence substantiating your answers to questions 6 to 8. |
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7. no evidence of [*infection*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_infection) with AHSV has been found during the past year in the country or [*zone*](http://www.oie.int/index.php?id=169&L=0&htmfile=glossaire.htm#terme_zone_region).
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