Application for Reference Centre status received by DG from Delegate

Dossier number assigned and logged (Scientific and Technical Department oversees the whole process)

Opinion sought from the most relevant Specialist Commission (and Working Group, if needed)* (specialty listing below, not exhaustive)

- Terrestrial animal disease diagnostics
- Biotechnology
- Veterinary products
- Veterinary laboratory capacity

Biological Standards Commission

- Aquatic animal disease control
- Aquatic animal disease diagnosis

Aquatic Animal Health Commission

- Food and feed safety
- Animal welfare
- Legislation
- Veterinary education and training

Terrestrial Animal Health Commission

- Terrestrial animal disease control
- Epidemiology
- Risk analysis

Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases

- Wildlife
- Animal-human-ecosystems interface

Terrestrial Animal Health Commission

Application referred to corresponding Regional Commission (only for Collaborating Centres) *

- WG Animal Welfare
- WG Animal Production
- Food Safety
- WG Wildlife Diseases

OIE Council*

* Order depends on the meeting calendar

World Assembly
Roles of the Council and the Specialist Commissions in the designation and de-listing of Collaborating Centres

• The Council sets rules and principles for inclusion in the Basic Texts
• Each Specialist Commission applies the rules and principles to applications falling under its respective mandate (if overlapping, DG decides which Commission) and provides an opinion to the Director General. A relevant Working Group may be consulted if the Specialist Commission or the DG so wishes.
• The Council is informed of their recommendations on applications (acceptance; on-hold; rejection)
• The same process applies, with the necessary modifications, to Reference Laboratories, except that the Code/Scientific Commissions and Regional Commissions are not involved.
• The same process applies, with the necessary modifications, to assessing twinning proposals, with an advisory status; the final decision rests with the Director General (Council and World Assembly being informed ex post)

Basic Principles

• Maximum of one Collaborating Centre per topic per region or exceptionally per sub-region (upon agreement of the Council)
• Maximum of one Reference Laboratory per disease/pathogen per country
• Support of the CVO and the Director of the institution indispensable
• No inter-regional designation for a Collaborating Centre
• No cross-country designation for a Reference Laboratory
• The Principles above do not affect the status of the existing CC/RL in the immediate.