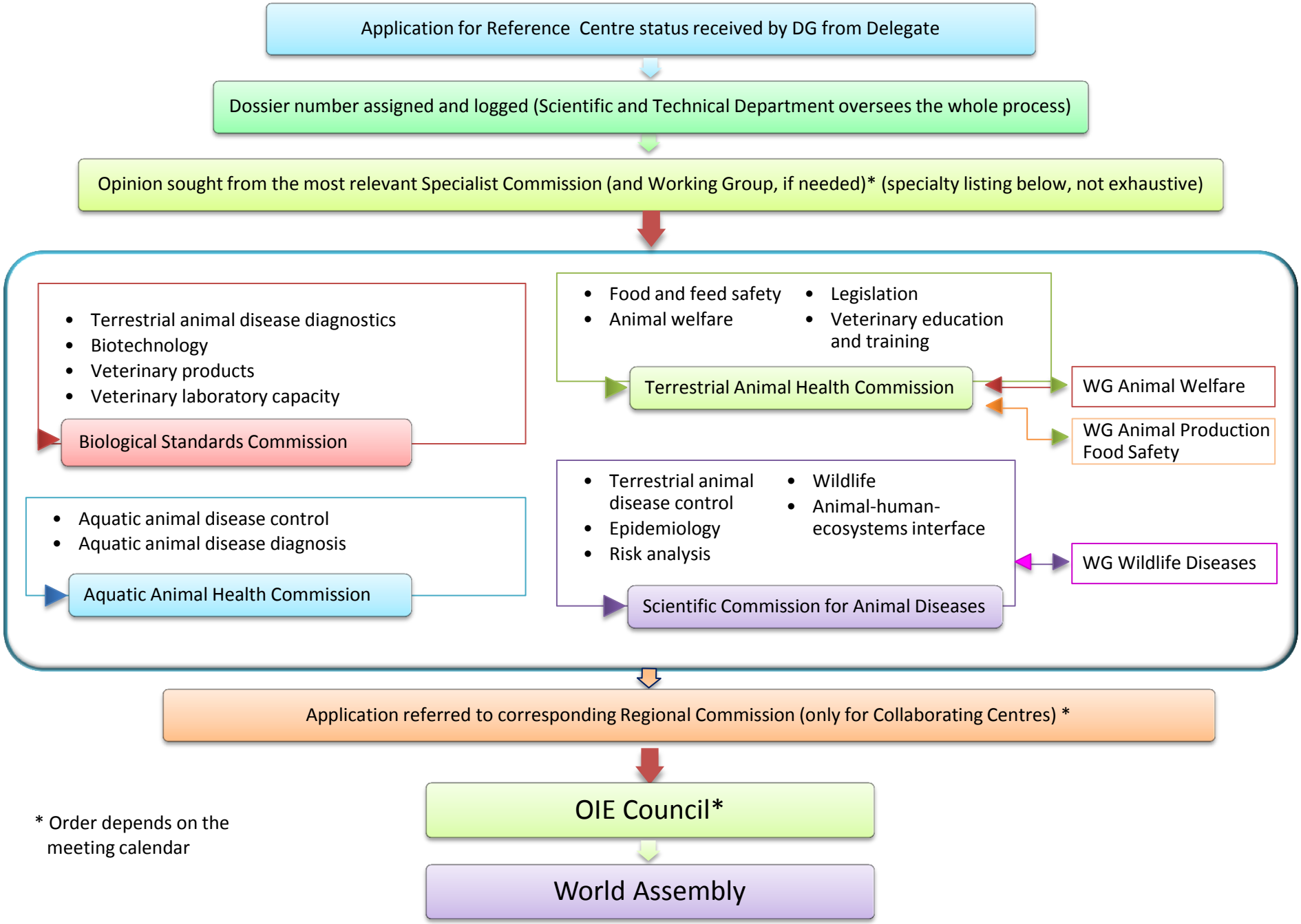
Application for Reference Centre status received by DG from Delegate
Dossier number assigned and logged (Scientific and Technical Department oversees the whole process)
Opinion sought from the most relevant Specialist Commission (and Working Group, if needed)* (specialty listing below, not exhaustive)
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
WG Animal Welfare
WG Animal Production Food Safety
Terrestrial animal disease control
Epidemiology
Risk analysis
Wildlife
Animal-human-ecosystems interface
Scientific Commission for Animal Diseases
WG Wildlife Diseases
Application referred to corresponding Regional Commission (only for Collaborating Centres) *
OIE Council*
World Assembly
* Order depends on the meeting calendar

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.