



Better Training for Safer Food Initiative

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TRACES USE AT INTRA-EU
TRADE OF ANIMALS AND
PRODUCTS
*OVERVIEW OF TRACES:
LEGISLATION AND
EXPLANATION
Trade control and expert
system (TRACES)*

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TRACES: What is it?

TRACES = Trade Control and Expert System

It is a web-based veterinarian certification tool used by the European Union for controlling the import and export of live animals and animal products within and without its borders.

It is also used now for import checks of products of non-animal origin and live plants.

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TRACES: SOME HISTORY...



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Sanitary crisis

- Classical Swine Fever 1997

Reports

- Court of Auditors (Special Report 1/2000)
- European Parliament Resolution (A5-0396/2000)

Main objective

- To improve traceability

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TRACES: Some history...

Since then, the main steps taken:

- Started on 1st April 2004 (pilot phase)
- A few countries joined TRACES at this phase.
- Since 1/01/2005 mandatory for all BIPs and LVUs (animals and products of animal origin)
- Since 2011, it can be used for products of non animal origin
- Since 2013, it can be used for live plants

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TRACES: LEGAL BASIS



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TRACES: Legal basis

- **Commission Decision 2003/24/EC: development of an integrated computerised veterinary system**
- **Commission Decision 2003/623/EC: development of an integrated computerised veterinary system known as TRACES**
- **Commission Decision 2004/292/EC: introduction of the TRACES system and amendment of Decision 92/486/EEC**

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TRACES: Legal basis

Decision 2004/292/EC

(1st April 2004)

- **CVED for animals entering a EU MS and going to another MS**
- **CVED for products in transit**
- **Part I of INTRA certificates for animals and products**

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TRACES: Legal basis

Decision 2004/292/EC

(31 December 2004)

- **CVED for ALL animals entering the European Community**
- **CVED for ALL products entering the European Community**
- **Part I, II and III of INTRA certificates for animals and products**

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TRACES: Legal basis

In accordance with Decision 2005/123/EC:

(30 June 2005)

- **CVED for all rejected consignments**
- **CVED for products subject to the following specific procedures under Directive 97/78/EC:**
 - **channeled products**
 - **consignments in transit**
 - **consignments transferred to a free zone, free warehouse or customs warehouse**
 - **supply sea transport**
 - **re-importation of products of EU origin**

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Model Health Certificates

- **Regulation (EC) 136/2004**
- **Regulation (EC) 282/2004**
- **Regulation (EC) 599/2004**
- **Decision 2007/240/EC**

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TRACES: MAIN CHARACTERISTICS



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TRACES: Main characteristics

Functionalities

- **Certification (INTRA, IMPORT, CVED, CED, EXPORT, DOCOM, DECLAR, CHEDPP)**
- **Notification**
- **Help to decision**
- **Control registration**

Availability to

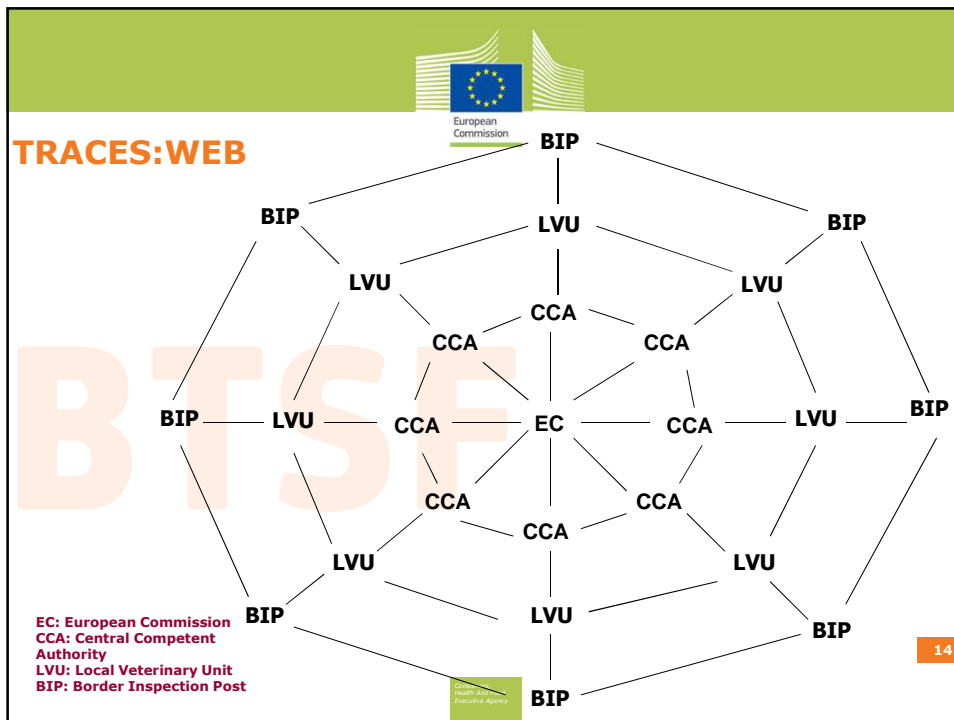
- **EU Member states (compulsory from 01/01/2005)**
- **Non-EU countries (Voluntary)**

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TRACES: Main characteristics

- **WEB based system**
- **Workflow between private and public**
- **Centralized system**
- **Interoperability (Customs Nomenclature)**
- **Multilingualism (23 EU official languages)**
- **Statistics automation**

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TRACES: Main characteristics

TRACES: Possible users

- **EC-ADM: EU Administrator**
- **CCA: Central Competent Authority**
- **BIP: Border Inspection Post**
- **DPE: Designated Points of Entry**
- **LVU: Local Veterinary Unit**
- **CO: Customs**
- **EO: Economic operator**
- **PV: Private Veterinarian**

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TRACES: Main characteristics

TRACES: Access to the system

- *The level of access depends on the status of the user.*
- *In this way, the safety of the data is accomplished.*

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TRACES: Main characteristics

Policy Areas:

- *Animal Health*
- *Animal Welfare (EU exclusive)*
- *Veterinary Public Health*
- *Plant Health*

Live animals
Semen, ova and embryos
Products of animal origin
Products of non-animal origin
Live plants

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TRACES: Main characteristics

The system has an exhaustive database that consists in, for example:

- File of traders of live animals
- File of importers of products of animal origin
- List of organisations (according to directive 92/65/EEC)
- Establishments (bovine, swine, etc...)
- List of approved transporters
- List of third countries' establishments
- Approved Control Posts

TRACES: ADVANTAGES



TRACES: Advantages

- **Standard application of laws and procedures**
- **Speed up of LVU/BIP administrative procedures**
- **Cooperation between services**
- **Increase in security and speed of data transmission**
- **Work simplification of official services**

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TRACES: PRESENT AND FUTURE



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TRACES: Currently

- In use by an increasing number of non-EU countries
- Electronic submission of the health certificate to the BIP
- Main goal: to increase the number of non-EU Countries that make use of TRACES
- EU Member States already issuing CED and CHEDPP in TRACES

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TRACES: In near future

TO BE CONTINUED...

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