When is TRACES compulsory?
Obligation to use TRACES:

 ✓ When an INTRA EU certificate for live animals or products is issued (Directive 90/425/EEC)
 ✓ In case of export of live animals and products through another EU MS (Dec. 93/444/EEC)
 ✓ When a notification is required (i.e. Reg (EC) No 1251/2008, Reg. (EC) No 1069/2009)


Checks at origin:

Art 3: Animals and products of Annex A must fulfil the requirements laid down in the relevant Directives:

- Bovine, swine, ovine, caprine, horses
- Bovine embryos and semen
- Porcine semen
- Poultry and hatching eggs
- Aquaculture animals and products thereof
- Animal by-products
Checks at origin:

**Art 3**: Animals and products of Annex B must fulfill the animal health requirements of the EU Member State of **DESTINATION**:

- Live animals not included in Annex A
- Semen, ova and embryos not included in Annex A

**NOTIFICATIONS**

**Art 4(2)**: The CA of the MS of origin which issued the certificate or document accompanying the animals and products **shall communicate**, on the day on which they were issued and by means of the computerised system (TRACES) to the central competent authority of the Member State of destination and to the competent authority of the place of destination data to be determined by the Commission.
Directive 90/425/EEC (animals & products)

Checks at destination (art. 5):

- The C.A. may, at the places of destination of animals and products, establish by means of non-discriminatory veterinary spot checks that health requirements are fulfilled;
- It may take samples at the same time;
- Checks may also be carried out during transport.

Don’t forget as well:

- To register the results of the inspections carried out with the rules in force in part III “checks” (art.1.3 to Regulation (EC) No 599/2004)
- i.e. ante-mortem controls in case of live animals destined for slaughter in conformity to Reg (EC) No 853/2004:
  - a) prioritisation of controls
  - b) prevents that animals intended for slaughter are deviated for breeding
**Directive 90/425/EEC**

**Art 8(1)(a):** The competent authorities of the Member State of destination shall immediately **notify** the competent authorities of the other Member and the Commission of the findings arrived at, the decisions taken and the reasons for such decisions.

**Art 20 & 21:** are the basis of a computerised system to facilitate the exchange of information between the competent authorities of regions where a health certificate or document accompanying the animals and products of animal origin has been issued and the competent authorities of the Member State of destination.

**COMMON PROVISIONS**

- Each EU Member State shall **immediately NOTIFY** the other EU Member States and the European Commission of any **OUTBREAK** of diseases in its territory;
- “CONTACT POINT” for collaboration between MS in checks.
In case of export of live animals to non-EU countries when transiting through an EU MS:

- CA of place of destination and of the MS in transit must be notified
- BIP or LVU of exit must be notified
3. Notifications

When a notification is required:

✔ Reg. (EC) No 1251/2008: movement of ornamental fish must be **notified** if destined to an EU MS which is free of disease listed (Directive 2006/88/EC) or has a surveillance or eradication programme.

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3. Notifications

When a notification is required:

4. Movement of registered horses

In case of movement of registered horses between IE, UK and FR in the framework of a special tripartite agreement (article 6 of Council Directive 2009/156)

Directive 92/65/EEC

✓ Lays down health requirements for trade and imports of animals, semen, ova and embryos not subject to animal health requirements laid down in specific rules

✓ **Art. 3**: EU MS shall ensure that the trade is not prohibited or restricted for animal health reasons other than those arising from the application of this Directive or from Community legislation, and in particular any safeguard measures taken.
The control rules provided for the animals and products referred to in Annex A shall be extended to the animals and products of animal origin not yet covered by this annex when the harmonized rules governing trade therein are adopted.

Ex from Article 4; 92/65/EEC:

Place on the market for the purposes of trade only animals which show no signs of disease and which come from holdings or areas not subject to any ban on animal health grounds and with respect to animals not accompanied by a health certificate or a commercial document provided for in Articles 5 to 11, only animals accompanied by self-certification by the operator stating that the animals in question do not at the time of dispatch show any obvious signs of disease and that this holding is not subject to any animal-health restrictions.

Art. 12: The CA of the EU MS of origin which issued the certificate or document accompanying the animals and products shall communicate, on the day on which they were issued and by means of the computerized system (TRACES) to the central competent authority of the EU Member State of destination and to the competent authority of the place of destination.
The Directive regards:

- Apes
- Ungulates (other than 64/432/EEC, 91/68/EEC, 90/426/EEC)
- Birds (other than 2009/158/EC)
- Bees
- Lagomorphs
- Mink, foxes, cats, dogs, ferrets
- Reptiles

All harmonised but not all with a model health certificate

Examples:

- Parrots
- Frogs
- Dolphins etc...
- Reptiles
Case

TRADE of FROGS
control during transport in Italy

**Outcome of the check**

- no health certificate
- no transporter authorisation
- no vehicle approval
- no competence certificate of the driver
- all the frogs dead
Disposal of the Italian C.A.

Sequestration and destruction of the lot of frogs

Charge of the expenses to the transporter

Fine of 5000.00 €
In charge to the transporter

Notification:
• to the C.A. of the M.S. of origin
• to the C.A. of the M.S. of destination

To summarise:
TRACES is compulsory for trade where:

✓ species are harmonised and a specific model health certificate is laid down
✓ requirement for notification exists
✓ registration of controls is compulsory
✓ movement of registered horses (TPA)
Just a reminder…

- TRACES concerns animals in TRADE

For dogs, cats and ferrets TRACES is compulsory:

- Intra-Union trade (Directive 92/65/EEC);
- Movements considered as trade:
  - pet animals not accompanied by the owner or authorised person
  - destined to be sold or change owner
  - number exceeds 5
**Consumers, Health And Food Executive Agency**

**Movement of horses**

- For slaughter, breeding, production: **TRACES**
- Registered horses for competition: **NOT compulsory**
  
  (only ID doc and health attestation)

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**TRACES is NOT compulsory in case of pet movements (Regulation 576/2013)**