



## **Trader Notice – BCP 02 2020 – Move from TRACES to TRACES NT (New Technology) for importing consignments of animal products from Third Countries**

### **Background**

The European Commission has developed and built a new EU-wide online management tool to replace the existing TRACES system. TRACES was used by importers or their agents to record the details of the Common Veterinary Entry Document (CVED) for each consignment of products of animal origin being brought into the EU from a Third Country while the competent authorities for veterinary controls in EU Member States would use TRACES to record the result of the checks undertaken on these consignments.

The new system is called TRACES NT. It can be accessed by clicking [here](#) or visiting <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/tracesnt/login>.

In order to receive a login for TRACES NT users must first create an EU Login, the European Commission's authentication service. The signup page can be found by clicking [here](#) or visiting <https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/cas/eim/external/register.cgi>.

### **Changes**

As a result of the new Official Controls Regulation 2017/625 (OCR) coming into force, a number of changes have been implemented regarding the importation of products of animal origin from Third Countries into the EU.

It is essential that any importers and their agents fully understand the requirements of the OCR and any of its delegated and implementing acts before they begin the process of importing any products of animal origin from Third Countries into Ireland.

Three terminology changes should be noted:

Border Inspection Posts (**BIPs**) are now call Border Control Posts (**BCPs**)

Common Veterinary Entry Documents (**CVEDs**) are called Common Health Entry Documents (**CHEDs**)

**Persons responsible for the load** on the CVED are now referred to as **Operators responsible for the consignment** on the CHED.

When using TRACES NT, *operators responsible for the consignment* will be completing a *CHED-P (Products)* and these consignments must be presented at a *BCP*.

Importers and agents should also familiarise themselves of [Regulation \(EU\) 2019/2007](#) and [Decision 2007/275/EC](#) which set out the lists of products of animal origin, germinal products, animal by-products and derived products, composite products, hay and straw as well as other products which are subject to veterinary controls at Border Control Posts.



## Operators and User Management

DAFM has transposed into TRACES NT any Irish importers or agents who were persons responsible for loads in 2019 from TRACES. These businesses or persons are now referred to as Operators in TRACES NT.

DAFM has also contacted any users who were linked to these businesses in TRACES and advised them of their requirement to sign up for TRACES NT. DAFM will validate the first user to be assigned to an operator and assign this user administrator privileges, allowing that user to manage any additional users to be assigned to the business.

Should any Irish importers or their agents be concerned that they are not registered on TRACES NT they may contact [LiveAnimalandProductImp@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:LiveAnimalandProductImp@agriculture.gov.ie) and DAFM will review and resolve where possible.

Businesses registered on TRACES by the competent authority of another Member State should ensure that they are fully validated on TRACES NT in order to avoid any disruption during the transition.

Any new Irish businesses wishing to be registered as operators responsible for consignments must complete a DAFM Company Registration Form CCS CR/CY. Companies may contact [LiveAnimalandProductImp@agriculture.gov.ie](mailto:LiveAnimalandProductImp@agriculture.gov.ie) to request a form.

## Next Steps

DAFM are now calling on all Third Country importers or their agents to transition to using TRACES NT to complete CHEDP's for imports of products of animal origin. TRACES will no longer be able to process CVEDP's from the **15<sup>th</sup> of September 2020**.

DAFM has created a guidance document to assist operators in completing a CHEDP which is available [here](#) or by visiting:

<https://www.agriculture.gov.ie/importofanimalsandanimalproducts/guidancedocumentsfortracesnt/>

The European Commission also have some useful information on their TRACES NT documentation website to assist operators in requesting new registrations and users for the system. This information is available [here](#) or by visiting

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/cfcas3/tracesnt-webhelp/Content/Home.htm>

The Commission will be updating their guidance documentation in time so operators should refer to the TRACES NT documentation website as a first port of call if they are having difficulties with the system. There is also a dedicated email address to contact the Commission if you are still encountering problems with the use of TRACES NT: [sante-traces@ec.europa.eu](mailto:sante-traces@ec.europa.eu).

## Billing

DAFM is legislatively obliged to charge fees for the veterinary controls that it undertakes on consignments at Border Control Posts. The Department brought in an e-billing system in 2018 which bills retrospectively each month using data as entered in TRACES.



During the changeover to TRACES NT the Department will be conducting testing and quality control on the e-billing system to ensure a smooth transition to billing from data on TRACES NT.

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