TRACES overview

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Policy areas covered

tracks the movements of...

- animals
- semen and embryos
- food and feed
- plants

...imported from outside the EU or travelling through the EU

23 EU languages

It aims to ensure:
- traceability;
- information exchange;
- risk management.
Geographical participation to Traces in 2018

28 EU countries
4 EFTA countries
54 non-EU countries using TRACES

86 countries and overseas territories use TRACES
TRACES main characteristics:

WEB BASED
all is accessible via Internet. No software installation needed

CENTRALIZED
Developed and maintained by DG SANTE

PRIVATE-PUBLIC COLLABORATION
Allows private and public sector to exchange and produce official documents

REDUCTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE WORKLOAD
• All actors in one system, with a user-friendly interface and a guided process

INTEROPERABILITY
Exchanges with other systems (customs, RASFF, EUROPHYT, other Country’s systems)

MULTI-LINGUAL
(23 EU languages + other non EU languages

ADVANCED STATISTICS
Provides real-time consolidated statistical information using the data in the system

LEGALLY SOUND
• Mandatory by EU law
• Gives access to the latest legally valid model of documents
TRACES legally as of 14 December 2019

- **TRACES** = one of the **IMSOC** components (OCR+ IMSOC Regulation)
- **Mandatory use of CHEDs in TRACES** by:
  - CHED: Common Health Entry Document
  - operators to pre-notify arrival of consignments of goods and animals covered by OCR
  - Competent authorities to record the outcome of official controls and decision taken on that basis
- **Definition of an electronic CHED/electronic official certificate (vet or phyto)**
TRACES obligation

**UE**
Obligation: CHED-A, CHED-P, CHED-PP, CHED-D

**Non-UE**
Still optional: interactive use or in connection
IMPORT module
Electronic certification – operational

- **Objective**: digital document = original document (e-IDAS Regulation) replacing paper
- **Advantages**: very difficult to falsify signature, stamps and dates, bringing as many as you want, accessible everywhere, no deterioration, no loss, unlimited storage, free of charge
- **Concerns**: IMPORT, PHYTO, CHEDs
- **Authorised systems for IMPORT & PHYTO**:  
  - TRACES,  
  - non-EU national systems able to exchange data with TRACES (Vet)  
  - ePHYTO HUB
Electronic certification – situation

- Interactive users within TRACES:
  - 50% of EU MS are using electronically signed CHEDs (growing fast)
  - 50% of MS and 50% of the production of Control bodies starting to use electronically signed Organic Certificates

- Connection TRACES/non-EU national systems:
  - Australia, USA, New-Zealand are exchanging directly
  - Argentina, USA, Chile, Costa Rica, Morocco via ePhyto.
  - Almost 30k ePhytos received in a month
TRACES
Thank you!

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