

What is TRACES?

TRACES stands for TRAdE Control and Expert System, a system which has been providing traceability for material entering the European Community since 2004.

On March 4, 2011 the EU launched a new section of their electronic TRACES database. The EU now requires third country facilities exporting animal by-products under Regulation (EC) No 1774/2002 (or its successors, Regulation (EC) No 1069/2009 and Regulation (EU) No 142/2011) to be listed in TRACES.

Animal derived products entering the European Community must come from, and go to, establishments which are listed in TRACES both in the European Community and in 3rd countries (there are exceptions - see Guidance Document). The consignment must be recorded in TRACES so that its whereabouts may be established at any time while the product falls under the animal by products regulations.