

## **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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.