



EUROPEAN COMMISSION
DIRECTORATE-GENERAL FOR HEALTH AND FOOD SAFETY

Crisis preparedness in food, animals and plants
The Director

Brussels,
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Dear Head of the National Plant Protection Organisation,

Subject: New procedure for notifying non-compliances to third countries in TRACES-NT

Last year, by letters referenced Ares(2020)2106889 – 17/04/2020 and Ares(2020)2848474 - 02/06/2020 (attached), I informed you about the replacement of the email interception notification procedure by a new notification procedure using the TRACES-NT platform.

Designated contact persons in the National Plant Protection Organisations are able, once registered in TRACES-NT, to consult the interception notifications concerning their country and the status of consignments of plants and plant products entering the Union through the entry documents issued by the border control posts of the EU to record the outcome of official controls performed on those consignments.

I am pleased to inform you that following an amendment of EU legislationⁱ and further development of TRACES-NT, the EU border official plant health officers are able, since 6 December 2021, to record the data on interceptions only in the entry documents, using a new tab called “details on non-compliance”.

You will find attached to this letter a users’ manual to guide your staff towards the use of TRACES-NT to access entry documents, also called ‘CHED-PPs, and in the case of rejected consignments, the details on non-compliances recorded therein.

I invite your staff to contact the TRACES support team at sante-traces@ec.europa.eu should they have any questions or concerns regarding the new procedure.

I count on you to pass this message on to your staff.

Yours sincerely,

[e-signed]
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Enclosure: TRACES-NT users' manual
letter referenced Ares(2020)2106889 – 17/04/2020
letter referenced Ares(2020)2848474 - 02/06/2020

c.c.: all Chief Plant Health Officers of Member States

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- ⁱ Regulation (EU) 2021/547 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1715 as regards procedures for the establishment and use of ADIS and EUROPHYT, the issuance of electronic animal health certificates, official certificates, animal health/official certificates and commercial documents, the use of electronic signatures, and the functioning of TRACES, and repealing Decision 97/152/EC (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A32021R0547>)