



TRACES New Technology

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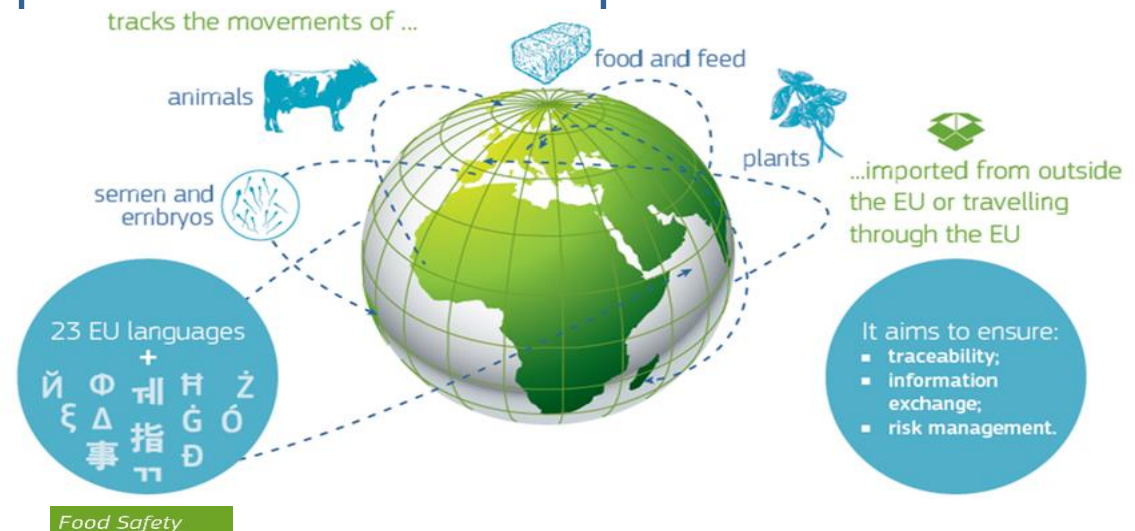
What is TRACES NT?



TRACES NT (TNT) is the European Commission's digital certification and management platform for all sanitary and phytosanitary requirements, supporting the importation of animals, animal products, food and feed of non-animal origin and plants into the European Union

Objectives:

- Enhance sanitary protection
- Increase traceability
- Facilitate trade
- Digitise certification procedures





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TRACES NT 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, iRASFF, EUROPHYT, other Country's systems, IPPC ePhyto hub)

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

Gives access to the latest legally valid model of documents



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TRACES – DG SANTE policy areas covered



ANIMAL AND VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH



Products of animal origin

- such as:
- meat and edible meat offal, etc.;
 - fish fillets and dried/smoked fish;
 - milk and dairy products.



Animal by- products

- such as:
- pet food and feed;
 - fertilisers and soil improvers;
 - game trophies.



Animals

Animal welfare

- such as:
- live fish;
 - mammals;
 - birds.
- bovine;
 - ovine;
 - caprine.



PUBLIC HEALTH

Food of non-animal origin

- such as:
- peppers;
 - nuts;
 - cereals.



PLANT HEALTH

- such as:
- hyacinth, narcissi and tulips;
 - roses;
 - potatoes.

Legal basis as of 14 December 2019

- **Regulation (EU) 2017/625** (Official Controls Regulation) - TRACES is integrated as one of the components of the Information Management System for Official Controls (**IMSOC**)
- **Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1715** (IMSOC Regulation) - rules for the functioning of the IMSOC and its system components
- Use of TRACES NT has become **mandatory** for issuing the Common Health Entry Document (CHED) for:
 - operators to notify the arrival of consignments of all goods and animals covered by the OCR
 - competent authorities to record the outcome of official controls and decision taken (acceptance /rejection and measures to be taken)

TRACES NT – Available modules

DG SANTE policy areas

- Common Health Entry Document (**CHED**)
- Official certificate to EU (**EU IMPORT**)
- Phytosanitary certificate for import (**PHYTO**)
- Plant interceptions – Submission of EUROPHYT interception notifications

Other DGs

- DG AGRI - Certificate of Inspection for import of organic products f into the EU (**COI**)
- DG ENV - Licenses for Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (**FLEGT**)
- DG MARE - Certificate of inspection for import of illegal, unreported or unregulated fish catches (**CATCH**)

Common Health Entry Documents

- **CHED-A:** document for consignments of live animals
- **CHED-P:** document for consignments of products of animal origin, germinal products and animal by-products
- **CHED-PP:** document for consignments of plants and plant products
- **CHED-D:** document for consignments of food and feed of non-animal origin

Purposes of a CHED:

- To give prior notification to the competent authority of the BCP that a consignment is arriving. (PART I)
- To record the outcome of the official controls performed and the decision taken on the consignment. (PART II)
- To give a Follow-up after the decision on the consignment has been taken. (PART III)

EU IMPORT & PHYTO

■ Used on a voluntary basis by non-EU countries

EU IMPORT

- For consignments of animals, animal products and food and feed of non-animal origin
- Migration to TNT concerned 54 non-EU countries for about 140000 import certificates / year
- Electronic capacity in progress of implementation

PHYTO

- For consignments of plants and plant products
- Operational since early 2018
- Electronic capacity available
- IPPC e-Phyto Hub: Connection established since 12 April 2020

COI Certificate



Certificate of Inspection for
import of products from
Organic Production

- Certificate of Inspection (COI) for import of organic products into the EU according to Commission Regulation (EC) No 1235/2008
- Main objective: enhance **traceability** of imported organic products and **reduce potential fraud**
- Mandatory since October 2017
- It is issued by the organic control body of the exporter, then details are checked by the border control post at the point of entry into the EU.
- Producer and Exporter in the third country, and Importer and Consignee inside the EU must be certified by an organic control body or authority

FLEGT certificate

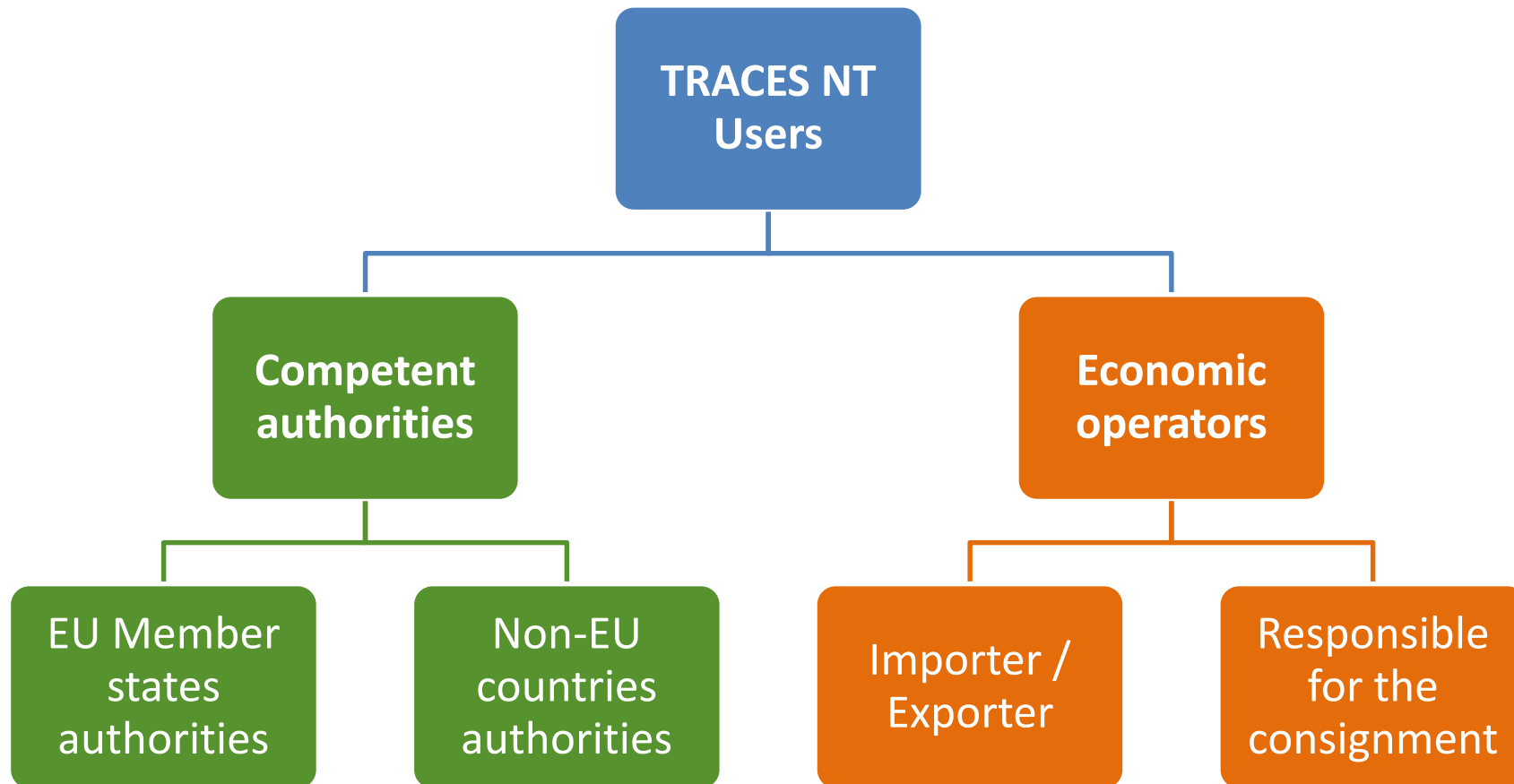
- In 2003, the EU adopted the Forest Law Enforcement, Governance and Trade (FLEGT) Action Plan to address illegal logging.
- Complies with forest management, environmental aspects, labour rights, community benefits, import and export procedures, and payments of fees and taxes.
- Used on a voluntary basis
- Indonesia is the first (and currently the only) operational FLEGT licensing country since mid November 2016.



CATCH Certificate

- Certification scheme which is laid down by Reg. (EC) 1005/2008 and aims towards combating illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU).
- The objective behind the CATCH module is to support the management (issuance, control and verification) of official documents and to automate the related procedures.
- Until the adoption of the revised Fisheries Control Regulation proposal (which is expected in 2020/2021), CATCH will be used on a voluntary basis by EU Member States and their national operators.
- The use of the system will remain voluntary for third countries even after the adoption of the legal basis.

Who are the main actors in TRACES NT?

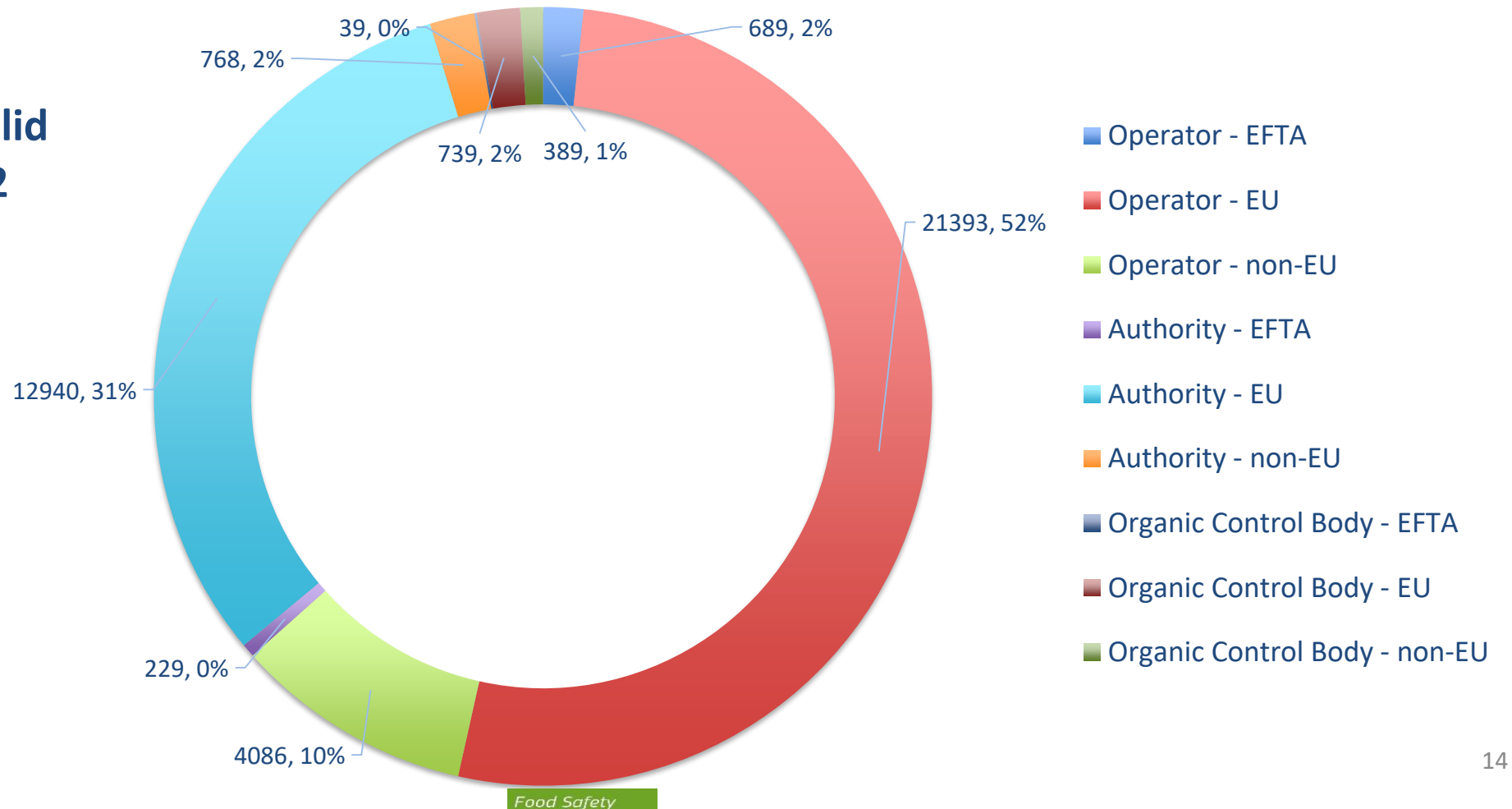


TRACES NT – Key features

- Modern, user friendly interface
 - Dynamic advanced search
 - User's dashboard
- Digital signature – paperless certification
 - Free of charge
 - Very difficult to falsify digital signature & stamp
 - Accessible everywhere
 - No Deterioration or loss
- Qlikview
 - Statistical tool which allows the extraction of TRACES data per country/per commodity etc.

TRACES NT users in figures - 2019

Total number of valid
TNT users: 41272



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Thank you!



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