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Audience: DAERA authorised Private Veterinary Practitioners (aPVPs) - To all TRACES NT Users – for exports of live animals and germplasm to the EU from 11 October 2021

Subject: Update 1 on the new TRACES NT system

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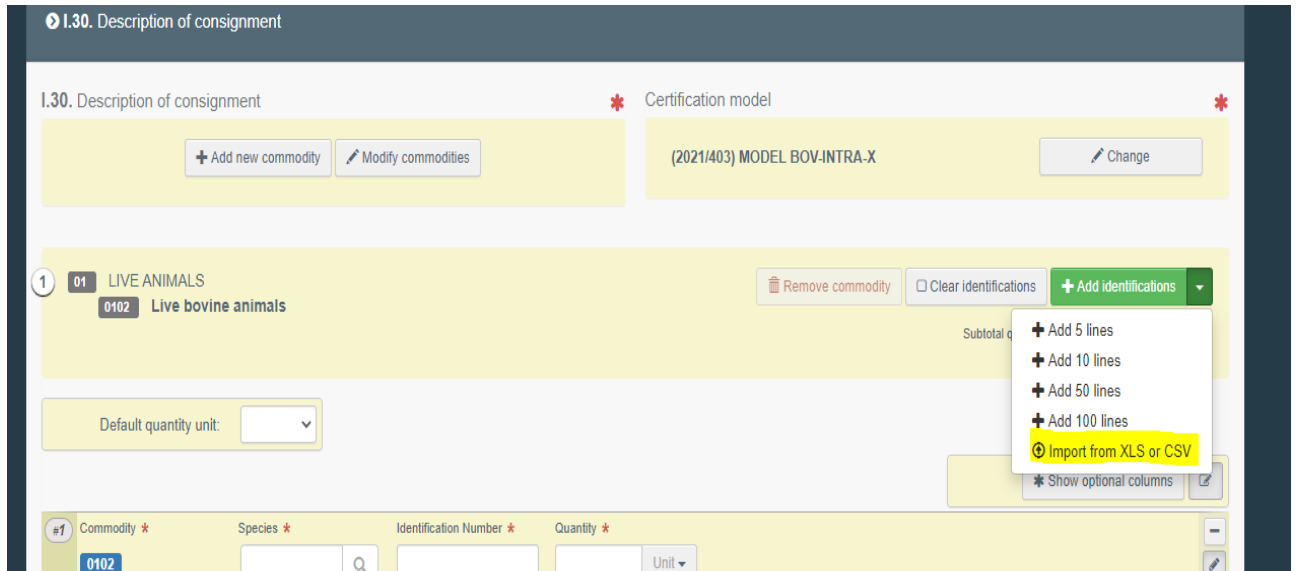**The Intra-EU export functionality of TRACES NT is now live.**

This is an EU system in which DAERA has had no direct involvement in the development or roll out. Issues have already been identified with its full functionality. DAERA is monitoring the user experience to help find solutions to these issues and DAERA Trade Programme (Exports) is continuing to liaise with the EU helpdesk to try to resolve these.

Thank you for your help in this matter as we work to facilitate trade for our live animal and germplasm exporters. We will keep you updated with further Bulletins.

Key messages – these are some early findings which are important to note.

1. Animal Health Law certificates have been set up in the new system, so it is possible to access templates and create certificates.
2. It is only possible to set up a certificate if both the Exporter and Importer are on the TRACES NT database. If you cannot find the Exporter please contact your local DAERA office. For a limited time, DAERA will also be able to create a new operator in the Republic of Ireland (RoI). This will allow full sign off and validation of the certificate.
3. Once the system becomes fully active, DAERA expects that if you cannot find the Importer, then your exporter will need to ask the Importer to resolve this issue with DAFM. DAFM have provided an email account for these queries - TRACES@agriculture.gov.ie
4. Some of the fields within Part I of the certificate are mandatory, and these are clearly marked with a red *
5. Note that **I.16 Transporter** IS NOT a mandatory field **at the moment**. Please do continue to complete it where possible. If you cannot find a Transporter on the system please let DAERA know (by e-mailing DAERATradeExports@daera-ni.gov.uk) so that the Transporter can be added to the system for future reference, and before the field becomes mandatory. As part of the responsibility for certification the certifying officer must ensure that they retain a transporters declaration and have assurance of competence/transport authorisation for the journey.
6. Section **I.10** has 2 drop down options. For ROI exports please leave this field blank at the present time, even though ROI is Blue Tongue free.

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7. **Section I.31:** (see screenshot below) New functionality appears to allow the upload of an Excel file in either the .csv format, or in the XL format to populate the relevant fields. In TRACES Classic it was mandatory to use the .CSV format and this approach for cattle is still recommended. We will review our previous guidance on the use of this functionality and this, along with further testing of TRACES NT and use of these types of files, will inform further updates.

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