**DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE ENVIRONMENT AND RURAL AFFAIRS (DAERA)**

 **EXPORT OF DOGS, CATS AND FERRETS DIRECT FROM THEIR PREMISES OF ORIGIN TO AN EU MEMBER STATE**

**NOTES FOR GUIDANCE FOR OWNERS/EXPORTERS**

1. Traces is only used for the **COMMERCIAL** movement of dogs, cats and ferrets. If you are travelling with your own pets you do not need to complete a Traces application form.
2. Your premises must be registered if you wish to export commercially. Your registration number must be included on the export certificate. There are two ways to be registered:

a) If you keep **cats**, **ferrets**, or you keep dogs but **have less than 3 breeding bitches** then you can register with **DAERA**. Email DAERAtradeexports@daera-ni.gov.uk to request a form

b) If you have one or more premises, exporting dogs within the same district council area, operated by the same person from which that person keeps **3 or more breeding** **bitches**; and also either

* breeds three or more litters of puppies in any 12 month period; or
* advertises three or more litters of puppies for sale in any 12 month period; or
* supplies three or more litters of puppies in any 12 month period; or
* advertises a business of breeding or selling of puppies.

Then you must be registered with your **local council** as a breeding establishment. Details can be found here:

<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/articles/council-licensing-dog-breeding-establishments>

1. Apply for export paperwork to your authorised veterinary Practitioner a(PVP) using TRACES EXA APPLICATION FORM
2. Complete an owner’s declaration using the notes for guidance provided below

These documents are available from your veterinarian or from the DAERA website at [www.daera-ni.gov.uk](http://www.daera-ni.gov.uk). You can also request copies from your local DAERA Veterinary Office.

**COMPLETION OF OWNER’S DECLARATION OD (PO) (Canis-felis-ferrets-intra)**

1. **Identification**

*All animals must be identified in accordance with legal requirements*

This is a microchip with a unique number, implanted prior to rabies vaccination

1. **Premises of origin**

The premises from which the animals are to exported commercially must be registered. See the details above to decide which registration you require. When completing the owner’s declaration you should select the type of registration which applies to you and provide your registration number. You should make copies of your registration confirmation, (either from DAERA or your local council), available to your certifying veterinarian if requested.

1. **Abnormal Mortalities**

The animals come from establishments where there were no abnormal mortalities with an undetermined cause.

1. **Age and rabies vaccination**

All animals for export must have a valid rabies vaccination. Animals must have been at least 12 weeks old when they received their first vaccination and cannot travel until 21 days after the date of first vaccination. You should make details of vaccinations available to the certifying veterinarian.

**CANCELLATION OR CHANGES TO THE ANIMAL DETAILS FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION**

If the export is;

 Cancelled, or

 Its date/time of departure has changed significantly, or

 A different vehicle is used, or

 All the animals are not exported,

You must notify the certifying vet giving the relevant details so that a replacement TRACES NT message can be sent.