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TRACES-NT – ELECTRONIC OFFICIAL CERTIFICATES FOR ANIMALS AND GOODS ENTERING THE EU AND THE UNITED KINGDOM

Purpose

1. To advise you that TRACES-NT is now able to produce electronic Official Certificates for animals and goods entering the EU and UK.

Background

2. We have received a letter from the European Commission confirming that the 'EU Import module' on TRACES-NT will be now be able to produce digitally signed official certificates for consignments of animals and animal products entering the Union and UK from the end of Monday 11th May.
3. The official certificates can be signed with electronic signature and bearing the qualified electronic seal of the issuing authority to which the signatory is attached on TRACES-NT. A few countries including, Uruguay, Morocco, Mauritania, Senegal and Tunisia have started the necessary procedures to implement digital signatures and electronic seals on TRACES-NT.
4. BCPs are likely to receive electronic import certificates through TRACES-NT. These must be accepted as "official certificates" in the meaning of Article 3(27) of Regulation (EU) [2017/625](#) ('OCR'), with valid "electronic signatures" in the meaning of Article 39 of Regulation (EU) [2019/1715](#) ('IMSOC' Regulation).



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5. If the above criteria are met, paper certificates will no longer be required.
6. The Annex below provides some technical information to help you recognize electronic certificates and electronic signatures in TRACES-NT:

Action for OVSS

7. To note the above information.

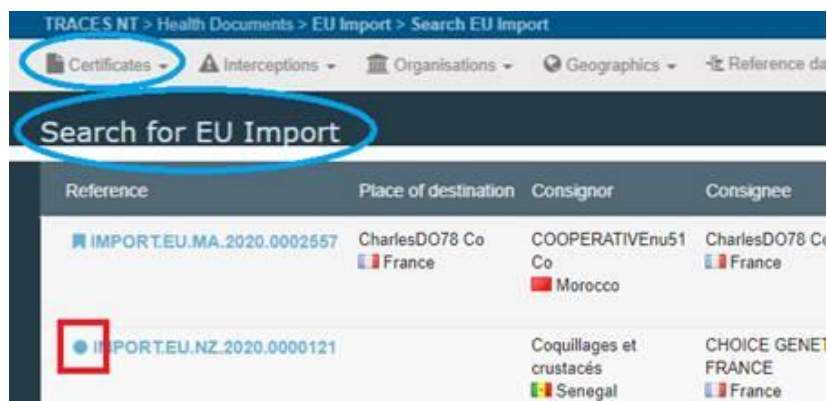
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How to recognize electronically signed certificates in TRACES-NT

- ⇒ In the Search screen of import certificates, a round logo appears before the certificate reference



How to recognize electronic signatures in TRACES-NT

- ⇒ In the Import certificate screen, a green padlock logo appears after the certificate reference.
- ⇒ By clicking on this logo, the system displays all the security data of electronic signature.

