

## Traces Approval Number

Exporters wishing to send Products of Animal Origin (POAO), Animal by-products (ABP) or Germinal Products to the European Union (EU) must have their Exporting Business approved in order to do this. Approval is given by the Food Standards Agency (FSA), Food Standards Scotland (FSS), or the Animal & Plant Health Agency (APHA) depending upon the commodity.

Once approval has been granted, the Exporting Business are allocated a **unique identification number (TRACES approval number)**. This number is recorded on the EU's TRACES NT system, along with the business details and its approved activities. This TRACES approval number **must** be used to fully complete required Export Health Certificates (EHC).

Approved exporting businesses who do not know their TRACES/approval number can find it by following this link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/businesses-approved-to-export-to-the-eu>