

# Practical Trade Inspections

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## 2 European legislation

### Traces database

- Allows to be informed of animals coming into the Member State
- Allows to extract copies of certificates (past and coming)
  - Passport number, no microchip number
  - No tracing of repeated use of the same number



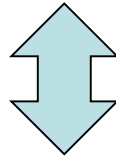
## 3 European legislation

### European pet passport

- Microchip
  - European pet passport
  - Rabies vaccination
- > no ban on replacement of passport
- > no ban on reusing of microchip
- > no traceability



## 4 European legislation



Judgement of the European Court in joined cases C-42/10, C-45/10 and C-57/10 (implementation of Regulation 998/2003) :  
identification of the successive owners of a dog is decisive in the  
field of animal health



## 5 European legislation

29/12/2014 :

- Vet has to keep record of
    - identification details of the dog
    - Personal data of the owner
    - Passport number
- > no ban on replacement of passport
- > no ban on reusing of microchip
- > traceability?



## 6 Belgian legislation

- Licensing of dog and cat breeders (and traders) since 1997
- Mandatory registration of dogs since 1998
  - 2004 : European passport linked to registration
  - Ban on reusing of microchips
  - Ban on replacement of passports



## 7 Belgian legislation

-> allows tracing of the origin of dogs (+ consumer protection)

- Statistics for trade within / to / from Belgium

-> crosschecking with Traces

- Indication of legal vs illegal trade / private vs commercial movements
- Dogs registered in Traces registered in database? Registered at adress of destination indicated on certificate?
  - Pups regularly travel back and forth several times

-> allows detection reusing of microchips and passports

-> allows tracking down illegal importers

