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Subject: Parallel use of the INTRA module of TRACES Classic and TRACES-NT –
State of play

Message

As a follow-up of my note referenced Ares(2021)6148060 of 8 October 2021, I am very pleased to see the excellent use rate of the INTRA module in TRACES-NT from 11 October until today.

However, although almost all Member States have switched to that new module without any major issues, a few of you have requested a prolongation of the parallel use of the INTRA module of TRACES Classic and TRACES-NT, sometimes due to an inadequate preparation of operators despite trainings, user's manuals and training recordings provided in advance by the TRACES team.

Therefore, I have decided to exceptionally postpone the closure of the INTRA module of TRACES Classic (which implements the model certificate laid down in Commission Regulation No 599/2004 which expires on 17 October 2021!) until Saturday 23 October 2021 at 5pm, final deadline. The special assistance of the TRACES Helpdesk team to TRACES-NT INTRA users will also be maintained during this period.

I urge those of you who have still difficulties to adapt to the new system to continue efforts to switch to TRACES-NT.

Yours sincerely,

[e-signed]
Bernard Van Goethem