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## **Traceability in the feed and food chain — General principles and basic requirements for system design and implementation**

*Traçabilité de la chaîne alimentaire — Principes généraux et exigences  
fondamentales s'appliquant à la conception du système et à sa mise en  
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## Introduction

A traceability system is a useful tool to assist an organization operating within a feed and food chain to achieve defined objectives in a management system.

The choice of a traceability system is influenced by regulations, product characteristics and customer expectations.

The complexity of the traceability system can vary depending on the features of the product and the objectives to be achieved.

The implementation by an organization of a traceability system depends on

- technical limits inherent to the organization and products (i.e. nature of the raw materials, size of the lots, collection and transport procedures, processing and packaging methods), and
- the cost benefits of applying such a system.

A traceability system on its own is insufficient to achieve food safety.