



NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



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Subject: Issuance of Designated Port Exception Permits for Import at Non-Staffed Ports

Background: Service regulations under 50 C.F.R. Part 14 allow for the issuance of a permit authorizing importation and exportation of wildlife at one or more ports not otherwise authorized when certain criteria are met. The issuance criteria for the Designated Port Exception Permits (DPEP) include the availability of a Service officer.

As the Service moves forward with implementation of the International Trade Data System (ITDS) and begins to pilot the FWS Import Message Set submitted through the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE), it is critical that our wildlife inspectors be staffed at ports of clearance to process shipments and function effectively in this new single window environment.

Action: Effective immediately, the Service will no longer issue DPEP's to authorize a non-staffed port when the applicant is required to file a CBP entry for any import activity.

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