



## NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



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### **Subject: Import or Export of Injurious Wildlife**

**Background:** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's (Service) listing of four large non-native snakes as injurious species under the Lacey Act will go into effect on **March 23, 2012**. We remind the import/export community that species listed as injurious wildlife generally may not be imported into the United States or transported across State lines.

Importers and exporters are expected to be familiar with those species that are banned as injurious and to comply with the relevant prohibitions. The Office of Law Enforcement has developed a new webpage on injurious wildlife as a resource for importers, exporters, and others engaged in the interstate transport of live wildlife. The site provides guidance to help facilitate legal export of injurious wildlife, a list of all species designated as injurious, and other materials.

### **Action:**

Importers and exporters engaged in live wildlife trade should make sure that they are aware of the species that have been listed as injurious under the Lacey Act and related regulations. While such species may be exported from the United States under certain conditions, any import requires a permit from the Service. Permits are not issued for commercial purposes or for transport of personal pets. For more information on exporting injurious wildlife, check this [factsheet](#). You can find additional injurious species information (including a link to the relevant Service regulations) on this webpage: <http://www.fws.gov/le/InjuriousWildlife/InjuriousWildlife.cfm>.

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