



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service

Notice: Return of Exported Goods

Your Package is Being Returned

This package has been returned to you because it contains cultivated American ginseng (*Panax quinquefolius*) whole or sliced roots and is in violation of CITES permit requirements.

You must obtain a valid CITES export permit to ship this form of ginseng.



Dried ginseng root requires a CITES export permit. Amanda Dickson/USFWS.

There are Penalties

Exports of American ginseng whole or sliced roots that are not accompanied by a valid CITES export permit may be subject to seizure and possible monetary fines.



Ginseng tea is legal to ship without a permit. Amanda Dickson/USFWS.

American Ginseng

American ginseng (*Panax quinquefolius*) is listed in Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES).

The listing covers the import or export of wild or cultivated whole live or dead plants, whole and sliced roots, and parts of roots (including root fibers), but excludes powder or manufactured finished products (e.g. teas, capsules, extracts, confectionary).

How Can You Obtain a CITES Export Permit for American Ginseng?

Obtain a CITES export permit from the Division of Management Authority before shipping by contacting 1-800-358-2104 or management_authority@fws.gov.

All CITES Export Permits must be validated prior to shipping. For information on how to get your permit validated, please contact the Wildlife Inspector on duty at 847-298-3250, Extension 10.

For More Information contact:

Wildlife Inspector
Office of Law Enforcement
10600 Higgins Road
Suite 200
Rosemont, Illinois 60018-3716
847-298-3250
<http://www.fws.gov/midwest/lawenforcement>



Alternative forms of ginseng are legal to ship without a permit. Amanda Dickson/USFWS.



Ginseng extract is legal to ship without a permit. Amanda Dickson/USFWS.



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