



Taking Flight: How to Travel Outside of the Country with Items Containing Eagle Feathers and other Wildlife Parts

A TRANSPORT PERMIT IS REQUIRED WHEN YOU ARE TRAVELLING OVERSEAS WITH YOUR REGALIA/RELIGIOUS ITEMS



Environmental laws and international treaties help protect threatened and endangered species and migratory birds. The Bald Eagle and Golden Eagle Protection Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act regulate the importation and exportation of birds, feathers and their parts. The Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) is an agreement between nations to work together to preserve wildlife and plants by monitoring and controlling trade in listed species. All persons with travel items containing eagle feathers must have an import/export eagle transport permit and, if applicable for items containing other wildlife parts, a CITES permit. All US citizens are required to carry the appropriate permits when traveling abroad with their wildlife items. To apply for a transport permit contact the **Division of Management Authority (DMA), Branch of Permits (703-358-2104)** for further assistance.

What type of permit is it? Eagle Transport permits, along with CITES permits, allow enrolled members of a federally recognized tribe to travel out of the country with their regalia and religious items containing eagle parts. For more information about the transport permit, please read the documents available at the USFWS law enforcement website <http://www.fws.gov/le>.

Do I need a transport permit if I am just going to Canada or Mexico? You need different documentation when traveling within North America. Please see "Traveling to Canada or Mexico with Eagle Items: Guidelines for US Native Americans" document at the website listed above.

How long does it take to get one? It is very important to allow a minimum of two months for us to process your request for a transport permit. Please consider that our offices receive a large number of permit applications on a daily basis. Once issued, the transport permit is good for six months.

Who do I need to contact? Contact the DMA (703-358-2104, fax: 703-358-2281) for an application or go to the following website <http://www.fws.gov/forms/3-200-70.pdf>.

Are other permits necessary? Yes, other permits may be necessary depending on the species included on your regalia/religious items you take with you. It is important to disclose a list of all regalia/religious items that contain wildlife parts. To return your regalia/religious items to the United States you must obtain a CITES Re-export Certificate from the Management Authority of the foreign country (see <http://www.cites.org/cms/index.php/lang-en/component/cp/>). Contact DMA for more information.

What happens if I do not get a permit? Traveling internationally without the required documentation puts your items at risk of being seized by customs. Without the proper paperwork, the items could be considered illegal and therefore could be confiscated at a port of entry, including re-entry into the US. It is very important to get your transport permit **before** leaving the country.