



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT A FEDERAL PERMIT FOR BALD EAGLE OR GOLDEN EAGLE TRANSPORT INTO THE UNITED STATES FOR SCIENTIFIC OR EXHIBITION PURPOSES

A Federal Eagle Transport Permit is required to transport Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) or Golden Eagle (*Aquila chrysaetos*) parts into the United States for scientific or exhibition purposes. The items may remain in the United States on a temporary basis only; the Eagle Act prohibits permanent importation. The item(s) may not change ownership and the same items, unchanged, must be returned to the sender at the conclusion of the project or exhibit. If you will be transporting species listed under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (e.g., songbird, hawk), in addition to Bald Eagle or Golden Eagle parts to the United States, you may include them in this application. Live eagles or viable eagle eggs cannot be transported into or out of the United States.

Only zoological parks, scientific societies and museums that meet the definition of "public" under 50 CFR 10.12 are eligible for this permit. (50 CFR 22.21) Therefore, you must complete section B on page 1 of this application.

Note: All raptors, including Bald Eagles and Golden Eagles, are protected under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES). In addition to a Bald and Golden Eagle Transport permit to transport the eagle parts into the United States, you are required to obtain a CITES Export permit from the exporting country and a CITES/ Eagle Transport for Scientific or Exhibition Purposes permit from the U.S. Division of Management Authority (DMA) in order to transport/export the items back to the foreign institution. The CITES/Eagle Transport for Scientific or Exhibition Purposes application can be obtained at: [3-200-69: Transport of Bald & Golden Eagles from U.S. for Scientific / Exhibition Purposes \(CITES\)](#)

If you have a question about this permit or application form, please contact your regional [Migratory Bird Program Permit Office](#).