



NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



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Subject: Ban on Importation and Interstate Transport of 36 Genera of Salamanders and Newts

This bulletin replaces the January 13, 2016 bulletin “Ban on Importation and Interstate Transport of 201 Salamander and Newt Species.”

Background: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has published a final rule in the *Federal Register* listing 20 genera of salamander and newt species as injurious species under the Lacey Act, this rule first became effective on January 28, 2016. The service has also published an Interim rule listing an additional 16 genera of salamander and newt species as injurious species under the Lacey Act on January 10, 2025. This document outlines all 36 genera of salamander and newt listed as injurious under part 16. Hybrid specimens created from a cross with one of these 36 genera below, including any subsequent offspring, are also considered to be injurious.

Ambystoma	Desmognathus	Neurergus	Pseudobranchius
Andrias	Ensatina	Notophthalmus	Pseudotriton
Aneides	Euproctus	Ommatotriton	Salamandra
Aquiloeyrycea	Eurycea	Onychodactylus	Salamandrella
Calotriton	Hydromantes	Pachytriton	Salamandrina
Chioglossa	Hynobius	Paramesotriton	Siren
Chiropterotriton	Ichthyosaura	Plethodon	Taricha
Cryptobranchius	Laotriton	Pleurodeles	Triturus
Cynops	Lissotriton	Proteus	Tylotriton

The listing generally makes it illegal to import live or dead specimens (including parts) of these amphibians into the United States. Certain shipments of eggs or gametes; parts or tissues that have been chemically preserved, chemically treated, or heat treated may be allowed. (NOTE: Prohibited imports include shipments transiting through the United States on their way to other foreign destinations.) Transportation of injurious wildlife between the 49 States within the continental United States (the contiguous 48 States and Alaska) is not prohibited by the statute, unless that movement of the wildlife is otherwise restricted. Except, transport between the lower 48 States and Alaska through Canada, remains prohibited, because that transport includes an import into the United States. Export of these genera is still allowed under this rule within the interstate transportation restrictions outlined above.

Action: Effective January 10, 2025, it is illegal to import any live or dead (including parts) prohibited salamanders, or hybrids of these species into the United States without a permit from the Service. Export of these genera is still allowed under this rule in line with the normal import and export requirements. Those caught unlawfully bringing these injurious species into the United States or transporting them through the United States from another country on or after this date may face fines or penalties.

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