

Imports of reptiles, tortoises and snakes

From Great Britain or other Member States

1. The animals do not need to be accompanied by a health certificate or a licence; however the consignment should be accompanied by a Commercial Document in the format at Annex A. This must confirm the date of import, details of the animals in the consignment, number of animals being imported, place of origin and place of destination. Please note an invoice or airway bill which confirms the required information will be sufficient.
2. Species covered by CITES must be accompanied by the relevant permit. The main office for the UK is based in Bristol; further information can be obtained from the [UK CITES](#) Website. Where necessary importers should contact the CITES licensing Section to obtain the relevant permit or for further advice ☎ (0)117 372 8774.
3. If the animal is listed in the schedule of The dangerous Wild Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 the importer will require a permit issued by the Department of Environment (DOE). This can be obtained by contacting either Declan Looney ☎ 028 905 69602 or Donna Cassidy ☎ 028 905 69557.

From Third Countries

1. The animals do not need to be accompanied by a health certificate or a licence; however the consignment should be accompanied by a Commercial Document in the format at Annex A. This must confirm the date of import, details of the animals in the consignment, number of animals being imported, place of origin and place of destination. Please note an invoice or airway bill which confirms the required information will be sufficient
2. The animals must be imported via an approved Border Inspection Post (BIP) at the first point of entry to the Community. There are currently no BIPs approved in Northern Ireland for the import of live animals, however imports can be made via an approved BIP in the [ROI](#) or [GB](#). Importers must contact the relevant BIP at least 24 hours prior to the arrival of the consignment.
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4. If the animal is listed in the schedule of The Dangerous Wild Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 the importer will require a permit issued by the Department of Environment (DOE). This can be obtained by contacting either Declan Looney ☎ 028 905 69602 or Donna Cassidy ☎ 028 905 69557.

Example of Commercial Document

USA Reptile Suppliers

Consignment: Live baby turtles.

Description: Live baby turtles for retail sale

Quantities: 60

Name and Address of Importer: Mr J Bloggs 12 Main Street Enniskillen BT30 4RW

Name and Address of Exporter: USA Reptile Supplies, 1 Any Street, Orlando. Florida 32816

Premises of destination (if different to above): 14 Main Street Enniskillen BT30 4RW

Date of Issue: 01/01/2008

Reference Number (e.g. batch no's, order no's, lot no's): N/A

Signature of Exporter:

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