

Process for Import/Export

- Obtain FWS Import/Export License (if commercial).
- Make appointment with Wildlife Inspection office 48 hours prior to import/export.
- Submit FWS Declaration (edecs.fws.gov).
- Pay fees.
- Submit supporting documentation (original permits, invoices, air waybills, etc.).
- Shipment is inspected (physical or paper).
- Receive clearance.

Designated Ports

Designated for import and export of wildlife products.

50 CFR 14.12

Anchorage, AK

Atlanta, GA

Baltimore, MD

Boston, MA

Chicago, IL

Dallas/Fort Worth, TX

Honolulu, HI

Houston, TX

Los Angeles, CA

Louisville, KY

Memphis, TN

Miami, FL

New Orleans, LA

New York, NY

Portland, OR

San Francisco, CA

Seattle, WA

Border Ports

- Listed in 50 CFR 14.16.
- Specific northern/southern border ports.
- Wildlife requiring a permit pursuant to part 16, 17, 18, 21, or 23 may not use these ports.
- Northern border ports may only import or export wildlife with a country of origin of U.S. or Canada.
- Southern border ports may only import or export wildlife with a country of origin of U. S. or Mexico.
- Designated Port Exception Permits may be issued to import/export at these ports.
- Fees are higher at these ports.

Special Ports

- Specific ports in Alaska, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands.
- Only for wildlife with a final destination in those States/Territories.
- Wildlife requiring a permit pursuant to part 16, 17, 18, 21, or 23 may not use these ports.
- Designated Port Exception Permits may be issued to import/export at these ports.
- Fees are higher.
- 50 CFR 14.19.

CITES Requirements

- CITES I – Export and import permits required. Generally, no commercialization allowed.
- CITES II – Export permit from country of origin required.
- CITES III – Export permit required if shipment originated in listing country; CITES certificate of origin required if shipment originated in a non-listing country. CITES export permit is accepted in lieu of a CITES certificate of origin.
- 50 CFR 23

Code of Federal Regulations

- Available online at <http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov> and continuously updated.
- All Federal regulations are available at this site, not just Fish & Wildlife.
- Additional import/export information is online at www.fws.gov.