

IMPORTS OF PET REPTILES, INVERTEBRATES AND AMPHIBIANS

The following rules apply no matter which country you are travelling from.

1. Your pet must:
 - be accompanied by original paperwork, not copies
 - arrive in Northern Ireland with you, or within five days before or after you travel (provided it is accompanied by someone else).
2. You can bring a maximum of five pets into Northern Ireland per person under pet travel rules.
3. If you are travelling to Northern Ireland to sell your pet, for any change of ownership including rehoming through a charity or gifting, or if the pet is not travelling within five days of your travel, there are different rules as these type of imports are treated as commercial imports.
4. EU Invasive alien species under Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014 are not permitted to be imported, kept, bred, transported, sold, used, or exchanged, allowed to reproduce, grown, or cultivated, or released into the environment unless if permitted to do so under licence. Further detail is available [here](#)

Imports from EU Member States

1. Pet reptiles, invertebrates or amphibians do not need to be accompanied by a health certificate or a licence; however, the consignment should be accompanied by an Owner's Declaration in the format at **Annex A**.
2. Species covered by CITES must be accompanied by the relevant permit. The main office for the UK is Animal and Plant Health Agency, Deanery Road, Bristol, BS1 5AH. Further information can be obtained by visiting <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-cites-permits-and-certificates-to-trade-endangered-species>.
3. If the animal is listed in the schedule of The Dangerous Wild Animals (Northern Ireland) Order 2004 the importer will require a pet shop or zoological licence issued by Veterinary Service Animal Health Group detailing DWA permissions or a permit issued by the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA). Further Information can be obtained by contacting the Wildlife Team on either **028 90 569558** or

elmswildlife@daera-ni.gov.uk or by contacting your local [DAERA Direct Office](#)

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Imports from Third Countries (including Great Britain) (non-EU countries)

1. The animal(s) must enter Northern Ireland via a Travellers Point of Entry(TPE). The TPE's in Northern Ireland are Belfast Port, Larne Port, Belfast City Airport, Belfast International Airport, and the City of Derry Airport.
2. On arrival at the Travellers Point of Entry the person in charge of the animal(s) must report to a DAERA inspector and make the animal(s) available for documentary and identify checks
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Annex A

Pet Owner's Declaration

Animal Details¹

Number of Reptiles/Invertebrates/Amphibians:

Species (scientific and common name)	Identification and description ²	Sex (If known)	Colour	Date of Birth (if known)

¹ Up to 5 pet animals may travel per person.

² The animal should be micro-chipped or otherwise identified if possible. If this is not possible for that species, then it should be otherwise identified or described in such a way as to establish a clear link between the animal and this document. CITES requirements may specify the type of identification required.

I, the undersigned owner, hereby declare that the animals described above:

1. Are fit and healthy for travel.
2. Was/were* born in captivity and kept in captivity since birth.
3. The animals are not for sale.
4. All required CITES documents, and any licensing requirements for keeping of this species in both the country of origin and country of destination have been adhered to. I have also confirmed that the species is not on the Invasive Species List, as per Regulation (EU) No 1143/2014; and
5. The animals will be transported in compliance with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) Live Animal Regulations, if travelling by air, or in such a way so as to not compromise their welfare.

*Delete as appropriate

Owner Details

Owner Name:

Owner Phone Number:

Owner Email Address:

Owner Signature:

Date:

Notes:

This document must travel with the animals and must be presented at the compliance checks. If the compliance check is failed it may be quarantined or returned to the country of origin at your expense.

It is the responsibility of the owner to ensure that any CITES documentation that is required to travel with the species has been correctly prepared, in addition to any national rules on licensing or ownership in both the country of origin and the country of destination