

WILD ANIMALS

Any wild bird or animal excluded under Section 671 of Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations is also prohibited entry into this State under Section 6304 of the Food and Agricultural Code unless admitted under permit as specified under Section 671.1, Title 14, California Code of Regulations.

671. IMPORTATION, TRANSPORTATION AND POSSESSION OF WILD ANIMALS.

(Sections 671-671.7, Title 14, California Code of Regulations)

- a. **The following species are prohibited** and it shall be unlawful to import, transport or possess these species alive except under permit issued by the Department of Fish and Game. Permits for importation, transportation or possession of these species shall be refused by the department, except that permits may be granted as specified herein and for the purposes designated in Section 671.1 subject to the conditions and restrictions contained in sections 671.1, 671.2, 671.3, 671.4, 671.5, 671.6, and 671.7 and other such conditions as may be designated by the department. Cities and counties may prohibit possession or require a permit for species not requiring a state permit.
- b. In designating these prohibited species, the commission has determined that they are not normally domesticated in this state and recognizes two specific classes of prohibited wild animals. Mammals listed to prevent the depletion of wild populations and to provide for animal welfare are termed "welfare animals," and are designated by the letter "W". Those species listed because they pose a threat to native wildlife, the agricultural interests of the state or to public health or safety are termed "detrimental animals," and are designated by the letter "D". Animals may be added to or deleted from this list pursuant to the provisions of Section 2118(k) of the Fish and Game Code.
- c. No person shall release into the wilds of this state any animal which is not native to California except as provided in these regulations (See Section 671.6). Prohibited species include:

1. CLASS AVES - BIRDS

- A. Larks** - Family Alaudidae
Skylark, *Alauda arvensis* - (D)
- B. Cuckoos** - Family Cuculidae
All species -(D)
- C. Crows, Ravens, Rooks, Jackdaws** – Family Corvidae
All species -(D)
- D. Thrushes, Blackbirds, Fieldfare** - Family Turdidae
1. European blackbird, *Turdus merula* -(D)
2. Missel thrush, *Turdus viscivorus* -(D)

3. Fieldfare, *Turdus pilaris* -(D)
4. Song thrush, *Turdus musicus* -(D)

E. Starling, Mynahs

- Family Sturnidae
All species - (D), except *Sturnus vulgaris* (Starling) and *Gracula religiosa* or *Eulabes religiosa* (Hill mynahs), and *Leucopsar rothschildi* (Rothchild's mynah) are not restricted.

F. Sparrows, Weavers, Queleas

- Family Ploceidae
1. Sparrows, Genus *Passer* - All species - (D) except *Passer domesticus* (English house sparrow) is not restricted.
2. Madagascar weaver, *Foudia madagascariensis* -(D)
3. Baya weaver, *Ploceus baya* -(D)
4. Queelas, Genus *Quelea* - All species-(D)

G. Waxbills, Munias, Ricebirds

- Family Estrildidae
1. Java sparrow, *Padda oryzivora* -(D)

H. Yellowhammer

- Family Emberizidae
Yellowhammer, *Emberiza citrinella* -(D)

I. Falcons, Eagles, Hawks, Vultures

- Order Falconiformes

All species (D)

J. Owls

- Order Strigiformes
All species (D)

K. Bulbuls or Fruit Thrushes

- Family Pycnonotidae
Red-whiskered bulbul, *Pycnonotus jocosus* - (D).

L. Whiteeyes

- Family Zosteropidae
Genus *Zosterops* - All species(D).

M. Parrots, Parakeets

- Family Psittacidae
Monk or Quaker parakeet, *Myiopsitta monachus* -(D).

N. Ducks, Geese, and Swans –Family Anatidae

1. Mute swan, *Cygnus olor* – (D)

2. CLASS MAMMALIA - MAMMALS

A. Monkeys, Apes

- Order Primates
All species (W) except Family Hominidae - not restricted.

B. Sloths, Anteaters, Armadillos, etc.,

- Order Edentata. All species:
1. Armadillos- Family Dasypodidae- All species (D)
2. Sloths- Family Bradypodidae- (W).
3. Anteaters- Family Myrmecophagidae- (W).

C. Marsupials or Pouched Animals

- Order Marsupialia
All species- (W).
D. Shrews, Moles, Hedgehogs, etc., - Order Insectivora
All species -(D).

- E. Gliding Lemurs** - Order Dermoptera
All species -(D)
- F. Bats** - Order Chiroptera
All species -(D)
- G. Spiny Anteaters, Platypuses** - Order Monotremata
All species -(W)
- H. Pangolins, Scaly Anteaters** - Order Pholidota
All species -(W)
- I. Pikas, Rabbits, and Hares** - Order Lagomorpha
All species, (D), except domesticated races of rabbits and hares of the Family Leporidae not restricted.
- J. Hamster, Field Mice, Voles, Muskrats, Gerbils, Squirrels, Chipmunks, Woodchucks, and Prairie Dogs** - Order Rodentia

All species (D), except:

- a. Muskrats, *Ondatra zibethica* - Not restricted under conditions set forth in Fish and Game Code Section 2250;
 - b. Domesticated races of golden hamsters of the species *Mesocricetus auratus* and domesticated races of dwarf hamsters of the Genus *Phodopus* not restricted;
 - c. Domesticated races of rats or mice (white or albino; trained, dancing or spinning, laboratory-reared); not restricted;
 - d. Domesticated races of guinea pigs of the species *Cavia porcellus* not restricted; and
 - e. Domesticated races of chinchillas of the species *Chinchilla laniger* not restricted.
- K. Raccoons, Ringtailed Cats, Kinkajous, Coatis, Cacomistles, Weasels, Ferrets, Skunks, Polecats, Stoats, Mongoose, Civets, Wolves, Foxes, Coyotes, Lions, Tigers, Ocelots, Bobcats, Servals, Leopards, Jaguar, Cheetahs, Bears, etc.** - Order Carnivora

1. Family Felidae - All species **(W)** except:

- a. *Acinonyx jubatus* (Cheetahs) - (D).
- b. **Domestic cat and hybrids of domestic cats are not restricted.**

2. Family Canidae - All species- (W).

- a. Wolf hybrids *Canis familiaris* (domestic dog) x *Canis lupus* (wolf).
 - i. Any F1 (first) generation wolf hybrid whelped on or before February 4, 1988 may

be possessed under permit from the department.

ii. **No state permit is required to possess the progeny of F1 generation wolf hybrids, but cities and counties may prohibit possession or require a permit.**

- b. Domesticated dogs are not restricted.
3. Family Viveridae- All species- (D).
4. Family Procyonidae- All species- (D), except:
 - a. *Ailuris fulgens* (Lesser panda)- (W).
 - b. *Ailuropoda melanoleuca*- (Giant panda)- (W).
 - c. *Bassaricus astutus* (Ringtail or Ringtailed cat)- (W).
 - d. *Jentinkia sumichrasti* (Mexican and Central American Cacomistle)- (W).
5. Family Mustelidae - All species- (D), except:
 - a. *Ambloynx cinerea* (Oriental small-clawed otter) -(W).
 - b. *Aonyx capensis* (African clawless otter) - (W).
 - c. *Pteronura brasiliensis* (Giant otter)- (W).
 - d. All species of the genus *Lutra* (River otters)- (W).
6. All others -(W).

L. Aardvarks - Order Tubulidentata

All species - (W).

M. Elephants - Order Proboscidae

All species -(W).

N. Hyraxes - Order Hyracoidea

All species -(W).

O. Dugongs, Manatees - Order Sirenia

All species - (W).

P. Horses, Zebras, Tapirs, Rhinoceroses, etc. - Order Perissodactyla

All species (W) except Family Equidae - is not restricted.

Q. Swine, Peccaries, Camels, Deer, Elk, Moose, Antelopes, Cattle, Goats, Sheep, etc., - Order Artiodactyla

All species (D) except:

1. *Bos taurus* and *Bos indicus* (Domestic cattle) *Bos grunniens* (Yak); *Bubalus bulalis* (Asian water buffalo); *Ovis aries* (Domestic sheep); *Capra hircus* (Domestic goat); *Sus scrofa domestica* (Domestic swine); *Llama glama* (Llama); *Llama pacos* (Alpaca); *Llama guanicoe* (Guanaco); Hybrids of llama, alpaca, and guanacos;

Camelus bactrianus and *Camelus dromedarius* (Camels); and *Bison bison* (American bison) are not restricted;

2. Elk, *Cervus* - A permit may be issued for species of elk (Genus *Cervus*) which are already maintained within California; and

3. Permits may be issued pursuant to Section 676, Title 14, CCR, for importing, breeding, slaughter and sale of the meat and other parts of fallow deer (*Dama dama*) for commercial purposes.

3. FROGS, TOADS, SALAMANDERS - CLASS AMPHIBIA

A. Toads - Family Bufonidae

Giant toad or marine toad group, (*Bufo marinus*, *Bufo paracnemis*, *Bufo horribilis*) and all other large toads from Mexico and Central and South America -(D).

B. Tongueless Toads - Family Pipidae

All species of genus *Xenopus* -(D).

C. Mole Salamanders – Family Ambystomatidae

All species of tiger salamanders, genus *Ambystoma*- (D)

D. Neotropical Frogs – Family Leptodactylidae

Common Coqui or Coqui frog, *Eleutherodactylus coqui*- (D)

4. JAWLESS FISHES - CLASS AGNATHA

A. Lampreys - Family Petromyzontidae

All nonnative species -(D).

5. BONY FISHES - CLASS OSTEICHTHYES

A. Temperate Basses - Family Percichthyidae

1. White perch, *Morone americana* -(D).

2. White bass, *Morone chrysops* -(D).

B. Herrings - Family Clupeidae

Gizzard shad, *Dorosoma cepedianum* - (D).

C. Drums - Family Sciaenidae

Freshwater drum, *Aplodinotus grunniens* - (D).

D. Characins - Family Characidae

1. Banded tetra, *Astyanax fasciatus* -(D).

2. All species of piranhas, genera *Serrasalmus*, *Serrasalmo*, *Pygocentrus*, *Taddyyella*, *Rooseveltiella*, and *Pygopristis* -(D).

3. Tigerfish, *Hoplias malabaricus* - (D)

E. Trouts - Family Salmonidae

Atlantic salmon, *Salmo salar* - Restricted in the Smith River watershed- (D).

F. Gars - Family Lepisosteidae

All species -(D).

G. Bowfins - Family Amiidae

All species -(D).

H. Livebearers - Family Poeciliidae

Pike killifish, *Belonesox belianus*- (D).

I. Snakeheads - Family Channidae

All species -(D).

J. Carps or Minnows - Family Cyprinidae

1. Ide, *Leuciscus idus* -(D).

2. Grass carp, *Ctenopharyngodon idellus* – (D); except that permits may be issued to a person, organization or agency for possession of triploid grass carp, under conditions set forth in Section 238.6.

3. Silver carp, *Hypophthalmichthys molitrix*- (D).

4. Bighead carp, *Aristichthys nobilis* -(D).

5. Largescale Silver carp, *Hypophthalmichthys harmandi*- (D).

6. Black carp, *Mylopharyngodon piceus* – (D).

K. Parasitic Catfishes - Family Trichomycteridae (*Pygidiidae*)

All species -(D).

L. Whalelike Catfishes - Family Cetopsidae

All species -(D).

M. Labyrinth Catfishes - Family Clariidae

All species - of genera *Clarias*, *Dinotopterus*, and *Heterobranchus* -(D).

N. Airsac Catfishes - Family Heteropneustidae (*Saccobranchidae*)

All species -(D).

O. Cichlids - Family Cichlidae

1. Banded Tilapia, *Tilapia sparrmanii* - (D).

2. Redbelly tilapia, *Tilapia zillii* - (D), except permit may be issued to a person or agency for importation, transportation, or possession in the counties of San Bernardino, Los Angeles, Orange, Riverside, San Diego, and Imperial.

3. Blue tilapia, *Tilapia aurea* -(D).

4. Nile tilapia, *Tilapia nilotica* -(D).

P. Freshwater eels - Family Anguillidae

All species of genus *Anguilla* - (D).

Q. Pikes - Family Esocidae

All species- (D).

R. Perches - Family Percidae

1. Yellow perch, *Perca flavescens* -(D).

2. Walleye, *Stizostedion vitreum* - (D).

- S. Suckers** - Family Catostomidae
All members of the genus *Ictiobus* - Buffalos - (D).
- T. Killifishes** - Family Cyprinodontidae
Sheepshead minnow, *Cyprinodon variegatus* - (D).
- U. Lates Perches – Family Latidae**
Barramundi (also known as Barramundi perch or Silver barramundi), *Lates calcarifer* – (D).
- 6. CARTILAGINOUS FISHES - CLASS ELASMOBRANCHIOMORPHI**
- A. Requiem sharks** - Family Carcharhinidae
All species of freshwater sharks, of the genus *Carcharhinus* - (D).
- B. River Stingrays** - Family Potamotrygonidae
All species - (D).
- 7. REPTILES - CLASS REPTILIA**
- A. Crocodiles** - order Crocodylia - Crocodiles, Caimans, Alligators, Gavials
All species - (D).
- B. Snapping turtles** - Family Chelyridae
All species - (D).
- C. Cobra, Coral Snakes, Mambas, Kraits, etc.** - Family Elapidae
All species - (D).
- D. Adders and Vipers** - Family Viperidae
All species - (D).
- E. Pit Vipers** - Family Crotalidae
All species - (D), except western rattlesnake, *Crotalus viridis*; western diamondback rattlesnake, *Crotalus atrox*; red diamond rattlesnake, *Crotalus ruber*, Mojave rattlesnake, *Crotalus scutulatus*; speckled rattlesnake, *Crotalus mitchelli* and sidewinder, *Crotalus cerastes* not restricted.
- F. Colubrids** - Family Colubridae
1. Boomslang, *Dispholidus typus* - (D).
 2. Bird or Vine snake, *Theoltornis kitlandii* - (D).
 3. **Watersnakes, all species of Genus *Nerodia*- (D).**
- G. Family Helodermatidae**
1. Reticulate Gila monster, *Heloderma suspectum suspectum* - (D).
- 8. CLASS CRUSTACEA - CRUSTACEANS**
- A. All species of family Cambaridae** - crayfish etc. (D), except *Procambarus clarkii* and *Orconectes virilis* not restricted.
- B. All species of the genus *Eriocheir* - (D).**

9. SLUGS, SNAILS - CLASS GASTROPODA

- A. New Zealand mudsnail, *Potamopyrgus antipodarum***
- B. All nonnative species of slugs and land snails** - (D), except:
1. Decollate snail, *Rumina decollata* in the counties of San Bernardino, Riverside, Imperial, Orange, San Diego, Los Angeles, Ventura, Kern, Fresno, Madera, Tulare and Santa Barbara not restricted with the concurrence of the appropriate county Agricultural commissioners.
 2. Brown garden snail, *Helix aspersa* not prohibited.
- C. Channel Apple Snail, *Pomacea canaliculata* –(D)**
- D. All species of Abalone, Genus *Haliotis* – (D), except: Red abalone, *Haliotis rufescens*; White abalone, *Haliotis sorenseni*; Pink abalone, *Haliotis corrugate*; Green abalone, *Haliotis fulgens*; Black abalone, *Haliotis cracherodii*; Pinto abalone, *Haliotis kamtschatkana*; Flat abalone, *Haliotis walallensis*; and Threaded abalone, *Haliotis assimilis* are not restricted.**

NOTE: Unpermitted nonnative abalone are determined to be detrimental to native populations, therefore the exemptions provided in Fish and Game Code subsection 2271 (b) and subsection 236 (b), Title 14, CCR, are not applicable.

10. BIVALVES - CLASS BIVALVIA - BIVALVES

- A. Zebra Mussel.** All members of the genus *Dreissena* - (D).

11. Transgenic Aquatic Animals.

Includes freshwater and marine fishes, invertebrates, crustaceans, mollusks, amphibians, and reptiles – (D).

NOTE: Unpermitted transgenic aquatic animals are determined to be detrimental to native wildlife, therefore the exemption provided for in Fish and Game Code Section 2150 (e) is not applicable.

NOTE: Quarantine pest ratings for vertebrate pests may be found on the Department of Food and Agriculture's Index of Target Vertebrate Pests or the Pest Rating List-Vertebrates.

671.1 PERMITS FOR POSSESSION OF WILD ANIMALS.

- a. Authorized Permits.** With the concurrence of the Departments of Health and Food and Agriculture, the Department of Fish and Game pursuant to this Section and Section 671, Title 14, CCR, may issue permits for the importation, transportation and possession of species listed in Section 671 to zoological gardens, colleges, universities, government research agencies, other bona fide scientific institutions as determined by the department and to persons authorized pursuant to subsections (b.1) through (b.8) of this Section.

1. General Provisions. No person may import, export, transport, maintain or dispose of any prohibited species except as authorized by Sections 671-671.6 and pursuant to terms and conditions established by the department to specifically provide for the welfare of the animal and to provide for the public health and safety.

b. Types of Permits. The department may authorize the importation, transportation and possession of prohibited species under the following permits:

- 1. Exhibiting Permit.**
- 2. Wild Animal Breeding Permit.**
- 3. Brokering or Dealing Permit.**
- 4. Fur Farming Permit.**
- 5. Detrimental Species Permit.**

A. Issuance of permits. Permits to possess detrimental wild animals may be issued only to the following:

1. American Association of Zoological Parks and Aquariums (AAZPA) accredited facilities, universities, colleges, governmental research agencies or other bona fide scientific institutions, as determined by the department, engaging in scientific or public health research.

2. Persons not designated in (b.5.A.1) above with specific Commission approval, except the department may issue permits as authorized in Section 671 for:

a. Birds. Orders Falconiformes and Strigiformes, under conditions set forth in Section 670.

b. Mammals. Muskrats, under conditions set forth in Section 2250, Fish and Game Code, and as authorized in Section 671(c.2.J.a).

c. Gastropods. Decollate snails, as authorized in Section 671(c.9.A).

- 6. Clearing House Permit.**
- 7. Animal Care Permit.**
- 8. Sheltering permit.**

c. Permit Information.

1. Application. Applications for permits and the application and inspection fees shall be submitted to the Department of Fish and Game, Wildlife Protection Division, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

671.5. DISPOSITION OF VIOLATIONS RELATED TO POSSESSION OF WILD ANIMALS.

Any live wild animals brought into the state or transported or possessed within this state in violation of the provisions of the Fish and Game Code or regulations adopted pursuant thereto may, upon written notice of the enforcing officer inspecting them or discovering the violation, be shipped out of the state, returned to point of origin or destroyed, within the time specified in said notice, at the option of the owner or bailee.

The exercise of any such option shall be under the direction and control of the enforcing officer and at the expense of the owner or bailee. If the owner or bailee fails to exercise such option within the time specified in the notice, or to comply with the terms of a permit issued pursuant to Section 671.1, the enforcing officer shall immediately thereafter order the transfer of the animals to new owners or destroy the animals at the expense of the owner or bailee.

671.6. RELEASE OF ANIMALS INTO THE WILD.

a. No person shall release into the wild without written permission of the commission any wild animal, including domestically reared stocks of such animal, which:

- 1.** is not native to California;
- 2.** is found to be diseased, or there is reason to suspect may have the potential for disease;
- 3.** may be genetically detrimental to agriculture or to native wildlife; or
- 4.** has not been successfully introduced prior to 1955.

GUIDE FOR ENFORCEMENT OF WILD BIRD AND ANIMAL REGULATION

A. JURISDICTION

1. Animal in Transit. California Department of Food and Agriculture Plant Quarantine officers are responsible for passing on admissibility of all shipments into or within the State.

2. Animals Not in Transit. California Department of Fish and Game, herein after known as Fish and Game, representatives are responsible for capture, destruction, or disposal of restricted or prohibited birds and animals being held in captivity within the State without permit, or at large. If a prohibited or restricted animal without permit is detected by a representative of the Agricultural Commissioner or State Plant Quarantine Officer, he shall affix a quarantine hold tag (Form 66-058) to the thing or cage and report such animal to the nearest Fish and Game representative or regional office and safeguard the animal until the Fish and Game representative takes over, or requests a Commissioner representative to make disposition of the animal. If Fish and Game desires to make disposition, then the Agricultural Commissioner shall issue a county notice of violation (Form 66-094).

Copies of this violation are for: (1) person in possession, (2) Fish and Game representative contacted, (3) Regional Manager of Fish and Game, (4) State Food and Agriculture District Biologist, and (5) file.

B. PERMITS

It is unlawful for any person who keeps in confinement, with or without a permit, any wild animal enumerated in or designated pursuant to Section 2118, to liberate, ship, or transport the animal except in accordance with the conditions of a permit first obtained from the department.

C. REJECTION OF SHIPMENTS

A quarantine rejection notice is to be issued on restricted or prohibited animal species not accompanied by an appropriate permit.

D. AUTHORITY TO ENFORCE

Section 2189 California Fish and Game Code should be used as the authority to reject all violations.

Division 3, Chapter 2, article 1 of the Fish and Game Code:

Section 2117. As used in this chapter "enforcing officers" means the enforcement personnel of the Department, State Plant Quarantine Officers, and the County Agricultural Commissioners.

Section 2118. It is unlawful to import, transport, possess, or release alive into this State, except under a revocable permit as provided in this chapter and the regulations pertaining thereto, any wild animal of the following species: ...(see Memo 8, California Plant Quarantine Manual, Section 671).

Section 6304 of the Food and Agriculture Code: This gives plant quarantine officers the authority to reject any form of animal life, which is detrimental to agriculture. Any such animal shall be refused entry and shall be shipped out of state or destroyed within 48 hours at the option or expense of the owner or bailer of the animal.

HEALTH REGULATIONS

(Reference Title 17, Section 30072, California Code of Regulations, California Department of Health Services)

No person shall import into or receive in this State any animals of the following orders, families, and genera specified herein without first obtaining a permit and paying to the department such fees as required under these regulations.

Mammals (Class Mammalia)

1. **Primates** (Order Primates)--Members of the following families, all genera therein:

Family Callithricidae: *Callithrix* (Short-tusked Marmoset), *Cebuella* (Pygmy Marmoset), *Saguinus* (Long-tusked Marmoset), *Leontideus* (Lion-headed Marmoset)

Family Cebidae: *Alouatta* (Howler Monkey), *Aotus* (Douroucoulis), *Ateles* (Spider Monkey), *Brachyteles* (Woolly Spider Monkey), *Cacajao* (Ukari), *Callicebus* (Titi Monkey), *Callimico* (Goeldi's Marmoset), *Cebus* (Capuchin), *Chiropotes* (Red-backed Saki), *Lagothrix* (Woolly Monkey), *Pithecia* (Saki), *Saimiri* (Squirrel Monkey)

Family Cercopithecidae: *Allenopithecus* (Allen's Monkey), *Cercocebus* (Mangabey), *Cercopithecus* (Guenon), *Chaeropithecus* (Baboon), *Colobus* (Colobus Monkey), *Comopithecus* (Hamadryas Baboon), *Cynomacaca* (Celebes Macaque), *Cynopithecus* (Celebes Crested Macaque), *Erythrocebus* (Patas Monkey), *Macaca* (Macaque), *Mandrillus* (Mandrill), *Miopithecus* (Talapoin Monkey), *Nasalis* (Proboscis Monkey), *Presbytis* (Langur), *Pygathrix* (Douc Langur), *Rhinopithecus* (Snub-nosed Langur), *Simias* (Mentawi Islands Snub-nosed Langur), *Theropithecus* (Gelada Baboon)

Family Lorisidae: *Arctocebus* (Golden Potto), *Euoticus* (Needle-clawed Galago), *Galago* (Galago), *Loris* (Slender Loris), *Nycticebus* (Slow Loris), *Perodicticus* (Potto)

Family Pongidae: *Gorilla* (Gorilla), *Hylobates* (Gibbon), *Pan* (Chimpanzee), *Pongo* (Orangutan), *Symphalangus* (Siamang Gibbon)

2. **Carnivores** (Order *Carnivora*)--Members of the following families, all genera therein unless otherwise noted:

Family Canidae: *Canis*, including all species other than *Canis familiaris* (the domestic dog): *Aopex* (Arctic Fox), *Urocyon* (Gray Fox), *Vulpes* (Red or Kit Fox)

Family Felidae, genera *Felis* and *Panthera*, consisting of New World species: *F. colocolo* (Pampas Cat), *F. geoffroyi* (Geoffroy's Cat), *F. guigna* (Kodkod), *F. jacobita* (Gato Andina), *F. pardalis* (Ocelot), *F. tigrina* (Little Spotted Cat), *F. wiedii* (Margay), *F. yagouaroundi* (Jaguarundi), *P. onca* (Jaguar)

Family Mustelidae: *Mephitis* (Striped Skunk), *Spilogale* (Spotted Skunk)

Family Procyonidae: *Bassariscus* (Ring-Tailed Cat), *Procyon* (Raccoon)

3. **Chiroptera** (Bats)--Members of all families, all genera therein.

Commercial Shipments of above animals prohibited into California without permit from Department of Health Services. If commercial shipments are intercepted immediately, notify Department of Health Services at (916) 327-0332; weekends, after hours,

holidays (510) 540-2308, and hold animals or ship out of State.

Pets Accompanied by Owner: California animals that have been out of state may re-enter without restriction when accompanied by owner.

This section applies only insofar as Department of Health Services Regulations are concerned.

The following regulations of the Department of Health are included in this memorandum **for information purposes only** and are not enforced by Plant Quarantine officers.

2606.6. Importation of Dogs. All dogs four months of age or older imported into this State for any purpose shall be accompanied by a certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian, stating that the dog or dogs have been vaccinated against rabies within 30 months of the date of importation for dogs vaccinated over 12 months of age or within 12 months for dogs vaccinated under 12 months of age with a canine rabies vaccine of a type approved by the Department of Health Services for an immunity duration of at least 36 months.

2612.1. Turtle Salmonellosis. Except when consigned to a governmental agency, a recognized research or educational institutional for research purposes, or to a zoological garden for display, it shall be unlawful to import, sell, or offer for sale or distribution to the public - any live turtle(s) with a carapace (the hard bony outer case or shell) length of less than four inches.

PSITTACINE BIRDS

(Reference Title 42, Chapter 1, Part 71, C.F.R., U.S.Public Health)

Parrots, Amazons, African grays, cockatoos, macaws, parakeets, lovebirds, lorries, lorikeets, and all other birds of the order Psittaciformes, are restricted entry into the United States, its territories and possessions (other than the Canal Zone) under U.S. Public Health regulations (Title 42, Chapter 1, Part 71 C.F.R.). Inspectors are authorized to cooperate to the extent of reporting the arrival of any such birds to the local representative of the U.S. Public Health Service, or in the event there is no representative of that agency at the port concerned, to the Collector of Customs.

No permit of health certificate is required on psittacine birds entering California from other states.

INTERDEPARTMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE PERTAINING TO ARTHROPOD OR OTHER ORGANISM INFESTATIONS OF PUBLIC HEALTH IMPORTANCE

The Department of Food and Agriculture and its agents are regularly engaged in the inspection of agricultural products arriving in California. If arthropods are found in such shipments, they are held in quarantine until identification and assessment of the arthropods are completed and reported. If identification and assessment show the

arthropods to be of economic agricultural significance and they are not widely distributed in California, the shipment is rejected by the Department of Food and Agriculture under authority of the Food and Agricultural Code.

The discovery of an occurrence of arthropods or other organisms in agricultural shipments suspected to be of public health significance is to be reported to the Department of Health. If the infestation is determined by the Department of Health to be inimical to the public health, it is to be abated or otherwise rendered innocuous by means authorized by the laws and regulations of the Department of Food and Agriculture. This interdepartmental agreement confirms the authority of the Department of Food and Agriculture to act on behalf of the Department of Health when an infestation described is found.

Shipments found infested with pests of concern only to public health should be rejected under Section 100170 of the Health and Safety Code.