

§ 671. Importation, Transportation and Possession of Live Restricted Animals.

(a) It shall be unlawful to import, transport, or possess live animals restricted in subsection (c) below except under permit issued by the department. Permits may be issued by the department as specified herein and for purposes designated in Section 671.1 subject to the conditions and restrictions designated by the department. Except for mammals listed in Fish and Game Code Section 3950 or live aquatic animals requiring a permit pursuant to Fish and Game Code Section 2271, no permit is required by this section for any animal being imported, transported, or possessed pursuant to any other permit issued by the department. Cities and counties may also prohibit possession or require a permit for these and other species not requiring a state permit.

(b) The commission has determined the below listed animals are not normally domesticated in this state. 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 agriculture interests of the state or to public health or safety are termed “detrimental animals” and are designated by the letter “D”. The department shall include the list of welfare and detrimental wild animals as part of DFG MANUAL NO. 671 (2/25/92) IMPORTATION, TRANSPORTATION AND POSSESSION OF RESTRICTED SPECIES, to be made available to all permittees and other interested individuals.

(c) Restricted species include:

(1) Class Aves—Birds

(A) Family Alaudidae—Larks

Alauda arvensis (Skylark) (D).

(B) Family Cuculidae—Cuckoos

All species (D).

(C) Family Corvidae—Crows, Ravens, Rooks, Jackdaws

All species (D).

(D) Family Turdidae—Thrushes, Blackbirds, Fieldfare

1. *Turdus merula* (European blackbird) (D).

2. *Turdus viscivorus* (Missel thrush) (D).

3. *Turdus pilaris* (Fieldfare) (D).

4. *Turdus musicus* (Song thrush) (D).

(E) Family Sturnidae—Starlings, Mynahs

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

(F) Family Ploceidae—Sparrows, Weavers, Queleas

1. Genus *Passer* (Sparrow)

All species (D), except *Passer domesticus* (English house sparrow) is not restricted.

2. *Foudia madagascariensis* (Madagascar weaver) (D).

3. *Ploceus baya* (Baya weaver) (D).

4. Genus *Quelea* (Queleas)—All species (D).

(G) Family Estrildidae—Waxbills, Munias, Ricebirds

1. *Padda oryzivora* (Java sparrow) (D).

(H) Family Emberizidae—Yellowhammer

Emberiza citrinella (Yellowhammer) (D).

(I) Order Falconiformes—Falcons, Eagles, Hawks, Vultures

All species (D)

(J) Order Strigiformes—Owls

All species (D)

(K) Family Pyconotidae—Bulbuls or Fruit Thrushes

Pycnonotus jocosus (Red-whiskered bulbul) (D).

(L) Family Zosteropidae—Whiteeyes

Genus *Zosterops* (Whiteeyes) (D).

(M) Family Psittacidae—Parrots, Parakeets

Myiopsitta monachus (Monk or Quaker parakeet) (D).

(N) Family Anatidae — Duck, Geese, Swans

1. *Cygnus olor* (Mute Swan) (D)

(2) Class Mammalia—Mammals

(A) Order Primates—Monkeys, Apes

All species (W), except humans in the Family Hominidae are not restricted.

(B) Order Xenarthra—Sloths, Anteaters, Armadillos, etc.

All species:

1. Family Dasypodidae—Armadillos—All Species (D).

2. Family Bradypodidae—Sloths—(W).

3. Family Myrmecophagidae—Anteaters—(W).

(C) Order Marsupialia—Marsupials or Pouched Animals

All species (W).

(D) Order Insectivora—Shrews, Moles, Hedgehogs, etc.

All species (D).

(E) Order Dermoptera—Gliding Lemurs

All species (D).

(F) Order Chiroptera—Bats

All species (D).

(G) Order Monotremata—Spiny Anteaters, Platypuses

All Species (W).

(H) Order Pholidota—Pangolins or Scaly Anteaters

All species (W).

(I) Order Lagomorpha—Pikas, Rabbits, and Hares

All species, (D), except domesticated races of rabbits and hares of the Family Leporidae are not restricted.

(J) Order Rodentia—Hamsters, Field Mice, Voles, Muskrats, Gerbils, Squirrels, Chipmunks, Woodchucks, and Prairie Dogs

1. All species (D), except:

a. *Ondatra zibethica* (Muskrats) are 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* are not restricted;

c. Domesticated races of rats or mice (white or albino; trained, dancing or spinning, laboratory-reared) are not restricted;

d. Domesticated races of guinea pigs of the species *Cavia porcellus* are not restricted; and

e. Domesticated races of chinchillas of the species *Chinchilla laniger* are not restricted.

(K) Order Carnivora—Raccoons, Ringtailed Cats, Kinkajous, Coatis, Cacomistles, Weasels, Ferrets, Skunks, Polecats, Stoats, Mongoose, Civets, Wolves, Foxes, Coyotes, Lions, Tigers, Ocelots, Bobcats, Servals, Leopards, Jaguars, Cheetahs, Bears, etc.

1. Family Felidae—All species (W) except:

a. *Acinonyx jubatus* (cheetahs)—(D).

b. Domestic cats 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) are considered F1 generation wolf hybrids and are restricted (W).

i. 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 Viverridae—All species (D).

4. Family Procyonidae—All species—(D), except:

a. *Ailuris fulgens* (Lesser panda)—(W).

b. *Ailuropoda melanoleuca* (Giant panda)—(W).

c. *Bassariscus 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. Genus *Lutra* (River otters)—(W).

6. All other Families—(W).

(L) Order Tubulidentata—Aardvarks

All species—(W).

(M) Order Proboscidae—Elephants

All species—(W).

(N) Order Hyracoidea—Hyraxes

All species—(W).

(O) Order Sirenia—Dugongs, Manatees

All species—(W).

(P) Order Perissodactyla—Horses, Zebras, Tapirs, Rhinoceroses, etc.

All species (W), except Family Equidae are not restricted.

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

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. Permits 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 for importing, breeding, slaughter and sale of the meat and other parts of fallow deer (*Dama dama*) for commercial purposes.

(3) Class Amphibia—Frogs, Toads, Salamanders

(A) Family Bufonidae—Toads

1. Genera *Rhinella* and *Rhaebo* (formerly *Bufo*) (giant/marine toad group and all other large toads from Mexico and Central and South America)—(D).

(B) Family Pipidae—Tongueless Toads

1. Genus *Xenopus* (clawed frogs)—(D).

(C) Family Ambystomatidae—Mole Salamanders

1. Genus *Ambystoma* (nonnative tiger salamander group)— (D)

(D) Family *Eleutherodactylidae*—Rain Frogs

1. *Eleutherodactylus coqui*—common coquí or coquí — (D).

(4) Class Agnatha—Jawless Fishes

(A) Family Petromyzontidae—Lampreys

All nonnative species (D).

(5) Class Osteichthyes—Bony Fishes

(A) Family Percichthyidae—Temperate Basses

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

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

(B) Family Clupeidae—Herrings

Dorosoma cepedianum (Gizzard shad) (D).

(C) Family Sciaenidae—Drums

Aplodinotus grunniens (freshwater drum) (D).

(D) Family Characidae—Characins

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

2. All species of the genera *Serrasalmus*, *Serrasalmo*, *Pygocentrus*, *Tadyyella*, *Rooseveltiella*, and *Pygopristis* (Piranhas) (D).

3. *Hoplias malabaricus* (Tiger fish) (D).

(E) Family Salmonidae—Trouts

Salmo salar (Atlantic salmon)—Restricted in the Smith River watershed (D).

(F) Family Lepisosteidae—Gars

All species (D).

(G) Family Amiidae—Bowfins

All species (D).

(H) Family Poeciliidae—Livebearers

Belonesox belizanus (Pike killifish) (D).

(I) Family Channidae—Snakeheads

All species (D).

(J) Family Cyprinidae—Carps and Minnows

1. *Leuciscus idus (ide)* (D).

2. *Ctenopharyngodon idella* (Grass carp) (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. *Hypophthalmichthys molitrix* (Silver carp) (D).

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

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

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

(K) Family Trichomycteridae (Pygidiidae)—Parasitic Catfishes.

All species (D).

(L) Family Cetopsidae—Whalelike Catfishes.

All species (D).

(M) Family Clariidae—Labyrinth Catfishes

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

(N) Family Heteropneustidae (Saccobranchidae)—Airsac Catfishes

All species (D).

(O) Family Cichlidae—Cichlids

1. *Tilapia sarrmani* (Banded Tilapia) (D).

2. *Tilapia zillii* (Redbelly tilapia) (D), except permits 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. *Oreochromis aureus* (Blue tilapia) (D).

4. *Oreochromis niloticus* (Nile tilapia) (D).

(P) Family Anguillidae—Freshwater Eels.

All species of genus *Anguilla* (D).

(Q) Family Esocidae—Pikes all species (D).

(R) Family Percidae—Perches

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

2. *Sander vitreus* (Walleye) (D).

(S) Family Catostomidae—Suckers

All members of the genus *Ictiobus* (Buffalos) (D).

(T) Family Cyprinodontidae—Killifishes

Cyprinodon variegatus (Sheepshead minnow) (D).

(U) Family Latidae—Lates perches

Lates calcarifer (Barramundi also known as Barramundi perch or Silver barramundi) (D), except permits may be issued to a person or organization for importation, transportation, possession, or sales of barramundi under the following conditions:

1. All live importation, possession, transportation and sales must also adhere to the conditions set forth in Section 671.7.

2. Live retail sales for human consumption are allowed for barramundi that range from one to three pounds in weight or 300 mm (11.8 inches) to 500 mm (19.6 inches) in total length.

(6) Class Elasmobranchiomorpha—Cartilaginous Fishes

(A) Family Carcharhinidae—Requiem Sharks

All species of genus *Carcharhinus* (Freshwater sharks) (D).

(B) Family Potamotrygonidae—River stingrays

All species (D).

(7) Class Reptilia—Reptiles

(A) Order Crocodylia—Crocodiles, Caimans, Alligators and Gavials

All species (D).

(B) Family Chelyridae—Snapping Turtles

All species (D).

(C) Family Elapidae—Cobras, Coral Snakes, Mambas, Kraits, etc.

All species (D).

(D) Family Viperidae—Adders and Vipers

All species (D).

(E) Family Crotalidae—Pitvipers

All nonnative species (D).

(F) Family Colubridae—Colubrids

1. *Dispholidus typus* (Boomslang) (D).

2. Genus *Thelotornis* (Bird, twig, or vine snakes) (D).

3. Genus *Nerodia* (watersnakes) (D).

(G) Family Helodermatidae

1. *Heloderma suspectum suspectum* (reticulate Gila monster) (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 genus *Eriocheir* (D).

(9) Class Gastropoda—Slugs, Snails

(A) *Potamopyrgus antipodarum* (New Zealand mudsnail)(D).

(B) All nonnative species of slugs and land snails (D), except:

1. *Rumina decollata* (decollate snail) 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. *Helix aspersa* (brown garden snail) not prohibited.

(C) *Pomacea canaliculata* (Channel Apple Snail) (D).

(D) All species of genus *Haliotis* (Abalone) (D), except *Haliotis rufescens* (Red abalone), *Haliotis sorenseni* (White abalone), *Haliotis corrugata* (Pink abalone), *Haliotis fulgens* (Green abalone), *Haliotis cracherodii* (Black abalone), *Haliotis kamtschatkana* (Pinto abalone), *Haliotis walallensis* (Flat abalone) and *Haliotis assimilis* (Threaded abalone) are not restricted.

1. 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) of these regulations are not applicable.

(10) Class Bivalvia-Bivalves All members of the genus *Dreissena* (zebra and quagga mussels)— (D).

(11) Transgenic Aquatic Animals.

Includes freshwater and marine fishes, invertebrates, 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: Authority cited: Sections 2118 and 2120, Fish and Game Code.

Reference: Sections 1002, 2116, 2118, 2118.2, 2118.4, 2119, 2120, 2122, 2123, 2124, 2125, 2126, 2127, 2150, 2190 and 2271, Fish and Game Code.