



NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



February 15, 2007

Subject: Changes to USFWS Declaration Form 3-177 and eDecs

Background: The Service recently renewed the information collection approval for the USFWS Declaration for the Importation or Exportation of Fish or Wildlife (Form 3-177) through the Office of Management and Budget. As part of the renewal process, the Service made several changes to the form and updated the accompanying instructions. The substantive changes to the form include a requirement to indicate if live wildlife is venomous and the voluntary submission of additional business or individual identifier data.

The on-line form has been updated and is available at: <http://www.fws.gov/le/ImpExp/faqs.htm>. Hard copy forms are being printed and will be available later in March. Therefore, the Service will delay mandatory use of the updated hard copy form. The Service plans to make the necessary changes to eDecs on Sunday, March 4, 2007. The system will not be available for use while the changes are made. We anticipate having the system back on-line for use no later than March 5, 2007.

Action: The trade community should be aware of the changes made to Form 3-177 and the accompanying instructions, as well as the various effective dates associated with these changes.

Effective immediately, any trade members filing the hard copy of Form 3-177 are encouraged to fill in and print out the updated on-line version. At this time, use of the current form will be allowed until April 1, 2007. This date may change depending on the availability of the printed Form 3-177.

Effective March 5, 2007, trade members filing through the eDecs system will use the updated Form 3-177. The trade community should be aware that the system will be inaccessible on March 4, 2007 while the changes are made.

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