



NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



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Subject: Use of Outdated Service Declaration Form (Form 3-177)

Background: On February 15, 2007, the Service announced that we had updated the Declaration for Importation or Exportation of Fish or Wildlife (Form 3-177). The trade was granted a delay in submission of the new paper form until April 1, 2007 to ensure printed forms were available. It has come to our attention that some members of the trade are continuing to use outdated versions of Form 3-177 or are submitting forms created by the trade that do not mirror the current approved form in quality or content. Importers and exporters filing electronically through eDecs are using the current valid form.

Action: Importers and exporters as well as brokers or agents acting on their behalf should be aware that the current valid U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Declaration Form 3-177 bears the OMB approval number 1018-0012 and an expiration date of 12/31/2009. Any paper forms created by the trade must look identical to the current valid approved Form 3-177 in quality and content. In addition to electronic filing through eDecs, Form 3-177 may be filled in on-line and printed out or downloaded for manual use. Please see our website at <http://www.fws.gov/le/ImpExp/faqs.htm> for electronic versions of the paper form. You may also obtain copies of the current paper declaration form from our wildlife inspection offices.

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