



NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



December 15, 2011

Subject: Wildlife Import/Export Inspection Fees – Effective January 1, 2012

Background: On December 9, 2008, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service published a [final rule](#) in the Federal Register that set import/export inspection fees for the period 2009-2012. The fee schedule established by that rule provided yearly increases for fees paid by wildlife importers and exporters over this time period.

Groups affected by the 2012 fee adjustment include commercial importers/exporters; noncommercial importers/exporters using non-designated ports; anyone importing or exporting live wildlife and/or protected species; and those requiring overtime services. (Protected species are defined as any species requiring a permit under 50 CFR Parts 15, 16, 17, 18, 21, 22 or 23.)

Action: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will implement new inspection fees on January 1, 2012 (see table below). These fees will remain in effect indefinitely.

<u>Inspection Fee</u>	<u>New Cost</u>
Designated port base inspection fee	\$93
Staffed nondesignated port base inspection fee	\$145
Nonstaffed nondesignated port base inspection fee	\$145
Premium inspection fee for protected species at any port (species requiring a Federal permit)	\$93
Premium inspection fee for live wildlife at any port (including live viable eggs and live pupae)	\$93
Overtime inspection fee for inspections beginning less than 1 hour before normal work hours	\$53
Overtime inspection fee for inspections after normal work hours, including Saturday and Sunday	\$105 minimum for 2 hours plus \$53 for each additional hour
Overtime inspection fee for inspections on Federal holidays	\$139 minimum for 2 hours plus \$70 for each additional hour

Additional information may be found on our website under the heading “Inspection Fees.”

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