



NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



October 22, 2013

Subject: Filing Changes Affecting Import and Export of Fish and Crustaceans

Background: The Service’s Branch of Aquatic Invasive Species has been studying 10 freshwater fish and 1 crayfish species from other countries because they have a potentially high risk of becoming invasive in the United States. The 11 species are not currently found in the wild in the United States, but may be imported in the live aquarium, fish farm, scientific, food, or other trades. The Service wishes to determine the extent to which these species are imported into the United States and whether these species are exported to other countries.

Currently, the Service allows importers and exporters to combine many fish and crustacean species into one record on the Form 3-177 (Declaration for Importation or Exportation of Fish or Wildlife) provided the invoice contains the more detailed species information that is required. This consolidation hinders the Service’s ability to easily distinguish between species in the database.

Action: Effective November 12, 2013, all importers and exporters must separate any specimens of the species of concern identified below on different lines of the declaration form (Form 3-177, whether filed electronically or in paper form). Declarations that combine these species as one line item of freshwater fish or crustaceans will be rejected for correction.

The following species must be individually identified on Form 3-177:

<u>Family Cyprinidae:</u> <i>Carassius carassius</i> (crucian carp) <i>Carassius gibelio</i> (Prussian carp) <i>Phoxinus phoxinus</i> (Eurasian minnow) <i>Pseudorasbora parva</i> (stone moroko) <i>Rutilus rutilus</i> (roach)	<u>Family Percidae:</u> <i>Perca fluviatilis</i> (European perch) <i>Sander lucioperca</i> (zander)
<u>Family Centropomidae:</u> <i>Lates niloticus</i> (Nile perch)	<u>Family Siluridae:</u> <i>Silurus glanis</i> (wels catfish)
<u>Family Odontobutidae:</u> <i>Percottus glenii</i> (Amur sleeper)	<u>Family Parastacidae:</u> <i>Cherax destructor</i> (common yabby or crayfish)

We strongly urge the wildlife import/export trade community to transition to these new declaration requirements as soon as possible.

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