

IMPORTANT NOTICE!!!!

Proposed Importation rule & the associated fee rule open for PUBLIC COMMENT! Updated May 6, 2010

The two proposed rules seek changes to importation requirements and establish the appropriate fees for importation of wild animals into New Mexico.

- Assist in efforts to facilitate rules for importation of certain wild by nature pets where compatible with the State Game Commission's rules & management of wildlife
- Educate & provide clear criteria for importation related to species
- Maximize safeguards for State populations of protected wildlife & public safety considerations
- Continue to safeguard against introduction of contagious or infectious diseases & undesirable species
- Establish the proper fees – relating to importation and the administration of this program
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Background of the Law

Importation of all protected and non-domesticated animals may only occur in New Mexico after a permit is issued. It is unlawful to import any protected or non-domesticated animal into the state without receiving a permit from the Department of Game and Fish (see below).

In order to protect game animals, birds and fish against importation of undesirable species and introduction of infectious or contagious diseases, it is a misdemeanor to import any live animals, birds or fish into this state, except domesticated animals or domesticated fowl or fish from government hatcheries, without first obtaining a permit from the department of game and fish [17-3-32. Importing game animals; permits. (1963)].

What's new and unique – the Importation Species List Proposal

The proposed rule gives the director of the New Mexico department of game and fish ability to create a species importation list. The species importation list shall be established, maintained, updated or amended by the director as species information and concerns become available and are identified. The list is

designed to help the public and businesses know which species and conditions non-domesticated animals may be imported into the State.

IMPORTATION OF LIVE NON-DOMESTIC ANIMALS, BIRDS AND FISH
(19.35.7 NMAC) - [Click here to review draft rule](#)

GAME AND FISH LICENSES/PERMITS (19.30.9 NMAC) - [Click here to review draft rule](#)

<http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/documents/documents/19357ImportationofLiveNonDomesticAnimalsBirdsandFish.pdf>

DIRECTOR'S SPECIES IMPORTATION LIST - [Click here to review draft list of species](#)

<http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/documents/documents/19.30.9EstablishingLicensesPermitsCertificatesandFees.pdf>

RULE COMMENTS HERE - [click here to comment on Importation Rule & Fee Structure](#) Letitia.Mee@state.nm.us – **Deadline is June 4, 2010.**

Information is posted on the department's website for public review at <http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/documents/ProposedImportationrule2010.htm>

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