



# Import restriction on salamanders

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## Import restriction

Canada prohibits the import of all species of the order Caudata (such as salamanders, newts and mudpuppies) unless accompanied by a permit. The goal is to protect wild Canadian salamander species from a harmful fungus.

This import restriction includes living or dead specimens, as well as any of their:

- eggs
- sperm
- tissue culture
- embryos

It also includes any other parts or derivatives of species of the order Caudata.

This measure is implemented under the following act and regulation:

- Wild Animal and Plant Protection and Regulation of International and Interprovincial Trade Act (WAPPRIITA)
- Wild Animal and Plant Trade Regulations (WAPTR)

The current restriction came into effect on May 12, 2018. It replaced a temporary one-year import restriction on salamanders. The fungus continues to pose a significant conservation threat to Canadian salamanders.

To learn more about the regulation, visit the following links:

- [Canada Gazette](#)
- [Department of Justice](#)

## Permitting policy

The importation of any specimen of the order Caudata (such as salamanders, newts or mudpuppies) requires a permit issued by Environment and Climate Change Canada. To find out more about the permitting requirement or obtain a permit application form, please consult the links below:

- [Permitting policy](#)
- [Permit application form](#)

## Frequently asked questions

- ▶ 1. Why is the Government of Canada restricting the import of salamanders?
- ▶ 2. How is the current import restriction different than the previous one-year year import restriction (May 12, 2017 to May 11, 2018)?
- ▶ 3. What do I need if I want to import a salamander into Canada?
- ▶ 4. When did the new import restriction for salamanders come into effect?
- ▶ 5. How long will this restriction be in place for salamanders?
- ▶ 6. Why does this restriction apply to all salamanders?
- ▶ 7. Is there a cost for permits for salamanders?
- ▶ 8. Can I transport or sell my salamander(s) in another province or territory within Canada?
- ▶ 9. What are the penalties for not complying with this import restriction for salamanders?
- ▶ 10. Who can I contact to find out more regarding this import restriction for salamanders?

## Decontamination protocol

To prevent the spread of amphibian and reptile pathogens in the wild please visit the [Canadian Wildlife Health Cooperative website](#) and follow the decontamination protocol.

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