

## **Information on Species Protection for Participants of the Exhibition**

Before importing protected animals, plants, or any substances derived from them, please check with the **Government Office for Nature Protection** if an **import license** is needed. The legally provided exceptions to this law are monitored by the responsible authorities who in some cases issue special authorizations. Also enquire at your local office for nature protection of the relevant papers (Cites, marketing exceptions) you may need for exhibits. You are also responsible for proving to the local authorities that you legally possess any object. This is also effective for so-called "old cases" (objects, which were taken in your possession before the relevant laws became effective. Please ensure that you will be able to present these papers at your stand at all times in case there should be a request by the controlling authorities. You also have to pay attention to the fact that you have to legalize decorations like stuffed animals, animal skins, trophies, ivory objects etc. because they represent a commercial presentation at the exhibition.

Natural and legal individuals are bound to give any information which might be necessary for the enforcement of the legal ordinance to the responsible authorities. Representatives of the responsible authorities are allowed to enter and/or inspect business premises, books and containers.

Any violation of nature protection laws is regarded as administrative offense and can be punished with fines up to 50.000 Euro.

Extremely severe violation of nature protection laws are regarded as criminal offense and can be punished with imprisonment up to 3 years.

Objects which might be used for or intended to preparing or carrying out any administrative or criminal offense can be confiscated. Animals and plants belonging to specially protected species can be confiscated in case their legality cannot be proved.

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