

Attachment 8-1: Quarantine Requirements for the Importation of Tortoises

1. The quarantine requirements regulate the importation of tortoises regarding *Stigmochelys pardalis*, *Geochelone sulcata*, *Kinixys belliana*, and their subspecies.
2. Testing referred to in these requirements must be conducted by laboratories owned, designated or approved by the government of the exporting country using methods listed in these requirements; or prescribed, recommended or considered suitable by the World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) Manual of Diagnostic Tests and Vaccines for Terrestrial Animals (hereinafter the OIE Manual) for confirmation of population or individual animals being free from infection with pathogens of corresponding diseases. For diseases with no such testing methods prescribed, recommended or considered suitable in the OIE Manual, methods that have been published in international scientific journals may also be used.
3. For tortoises requiring an import permit as stipulated in the Wildlife Conservation Act, the permit must be obtained from the central competent authorities before applying for the quarantine premises or other designated places for post-entry quarantine to the import/export animal quarantine authority of the importing country.
4. To import tortoises, the following requirements shall be complied with:
 - 4.1 For each consignment of 4 tortoises or less:
 - 4.1.1 The tortoise(s) shall be raised in the exporting country for at least 1 year prior to export or since birth.
 - 4.1.2 Before exportation, tortoises shall be detained at least 30 days for pre-export quarantine in establishments supervised by the veterinarians accredited by the competent authority of the exporting country. During the quarantine period, animals shall be examined and must be in a healthy condition without any clinical signs and subject to the following requirements:
 - 4.1.2.1 For salmonellosis: Fecal samples are collected for bacterial culture using pre-enrichment media, enrichment media and salmonellae selective media for salmonellae isolation with negative results.
 - 4.1.2.2 The broad-spectrum anthelmintics are applied twice at least 14 days apart for external and internal parasites;
 - 4.1.2.3 No external parasites are found during examination within 2 days prior to export.
 - 4.2 For each consignment of 5 tortoises or more:
 - 4.2.1 The tortoises shall be raised in the exporting country at least for 1 year prior to export or after birth.
 - 4.2.2 The establishments shall be supervised and recognized by the veterinarians who are responsible for disease diagnoses and notifications and accredited by a competent authority of the exporting country as follows:

- 4.2.2.1 The disinfection procedures are regularly conducted, and the records of management of hygiene and feeding are kept.
- 4.2.2.2 The inspection and maintenance of establishments are regularly conducted and ensured to effectively avoid the intrusion of animals from outside.
- 4.2.3 No cases of tuberculosis (*Mycobacterium bovis*, *M. caprae* and *M. tuberculosis*), salmonellosis, other transmissible animal diseases, and numerous unknown deaths have been confirmed in the previous year.
- 4.2.4 Before exportation, tortoises shall be detained at least 30 days for pre-export quarantine in establishments supervised by the veterinarians accredited by the competent authority of the exporting country. During the quarantine period, animals shall be examined and must be in a healthy condition without any clinical signs and subject to the following requirements:
 - 4.2.4.1 For salmonellosis: Fecal samples are collected for bacterial culture using pre-enrichment media, enrichment media and salmonellae selective media for salmonellae isolation with negative results.
 - 4.2.4.2 The broad-spectrum anthelmintics are applied twice at least 14 days apart for external and internal parasites.
 - 4.2.4.3 No external parasites are found during examination within 2 days prior to export.
- 5. Each consignment shall be accompanied by an original veterinary certificate issued by the veterinarians of the animal quarantine authority of the exporting country. The certificate shall state the following information in English or Chinese:
 - 5.1 Type and origin of the animal:
 - 5.1.1 Scientific name and common name;
 - 5.1.2 Total quantity;
 - 5.1.3 Age, individual identification number (microchips or other identification marks), location of microchips or other identification marks;
 - 5.1.4 The exporting country;
 - 5.1.5 Name and address of the establishment of origin (exempting the name of the establishment of origin for a consignment of 4 tortoises or less stated in Article 4.1); and
 - 5.1.6 Name and address of the exporter.
 - 5.2 Destination:
 - 5.2.1 Country of destination; and
 - 5.2.2 Name and address of the importer.
 - 5.3 Result of the quarantine:
 - 5.3.1 Statement attesting that the tortoises fulfill the requirements stipulated as follows:
 - 5.3.1.1 A consignment of 4 tortoises or less fulfills the requirements stipulated in Article 4.1.

- 5.3.1.2 The quantity of tortoises is 5 or above in every batch of consignment and fulfill the requirements stipulated in Article 4.2.
- 5.3.2 Start and end dates of pre-export quarantine.
- 5.3.3 Name of medicine, dosage and date of treatments for internal and external parasites.
- 5.4 Date of issuance, name and official stamp of the issuing authority, and name and signature of the issuing officer.
- 6. The tortoises shall be transported in cargo holds with clean containers which have been treated with disinfectant approved by the competent authority of the exporting country. No additional feed, straw and forage, bedding or other susceptible animals are allowed to be loaded en route to the destination. The means of transport and transit shall comply with the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code and the Live Animal Regulations of the International Air Transport Association (IATA).
- 7. The duration of post-entry quarantine is 2 days.