§ 16.11 Importation of live wild mammals.

(a) The importation, transportation, or acquisition is prohibited of live specimens of: (1) Any species of so-called “flying fox” or fruit bat of the genus *Pteropus*; (2) any species of mongoose or meerkat of the genera *Atilax, Cynictis, Helogale, Herpestes, Ichnuemia, Mungos,* and *Suricata*; (3) any species of European rabbit of the genus *Oryctolagus*; (4) any species of Indian wild dog, red dog, or dhole of the genus *Cuon*; (5) any species of multimammate rat or mouse of the genus *Mastomys*; (6) any raccoon dog, *Nyctereutes procyonoides*; and (7) any brushtail possum, *Trichosurus vulpecula.*

(b) Upon the filing of a written declaration with the District Director of Customs at the port of entry as required under §14.61, all other species of live wild mammals may be imported, transported, and possessed in captivity, without a permit, for scientific, medical, educational, exhibition, or propagating purposes, but no such live wild mammals or any progeny thereof may be released into the wild except by the State wildlife conservation agency having jurisdiction over the area of release or by persons having prior written permission for release from such agency: Provided, That the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to live bald and golden eagles or to live migratory birds, the importation of which is governed by regulations under parts 22 and 21 of this chapter, respectively, or to birds of the Family *Psittacidae* (parrots, macaws, cockatoos, parakeets, lories, lovebirds, etc.), the importation and transportation of which is governed by U.S. Public Health Service regulations under 42 CFR parts 71 and 72.

§ 16.12 Importation of live wild birds or their eggs.

(a) The importation, transportation, or acquisition is prohibited of any live specimen or egg of (1) the species of so-called “pink starling” or “rosy pastor” *Sturnus roseus*; (2) the species of dioch (including the subspecies black-fronted, red-billed, or Sudan dioch) *Quelea quelea*; (3) any species of Java sparrow, *Padda oryzivora*; (4) the species of red-whiskered bul-bul, *Pycnonotus jocosus.*

(b) Upon the filing of a written declaration with the District Director of Customs at the port of entry as required under §14.61, all species of live wild game, birds may be imported, transported, and possessed in captivity, without a permit, for scientific, medical, educational, exhibition, or propagating purposes, and the eggs of such birds may be imported, transported, and possessed, without a permit, for propagating or scientific collection purposes, but no such live wild game birds or any progeny thereof may be released into the wild except by the State wildlife conservation agency having jurisdiction over the area of release or by persons having prior written permission for release from such agency.

(c) Upon the filing of a written declaration with the District Director of Customs at the port of entry as required under §14.61, all species of live, wild nongame birds (other than those listed in paragraph (a) of this section) may be imported, transported, and possessed in captivity, without a permit, for scientific, medical, educational, exhibition, or propagating purposes, but no such live, wild nongame birds or any progeny thereof may be released into the wild except by or under the direction of State wildlife conservation agencies when such agencies have received prior written permission from the Director for such release: Provided, That the provisions of this paragraph shall not apply to live game mammals from Mexico, the importation of which is governed by regulations under part 14 of this chapter.
§ 16.13 Importation of live or dead fish, mollusks, and crustaceans, or their eggs.

(a) Upon an exporter filing a written declaration with the District Director of Customs at the port of entry as required under §14.61 of this chapter, live or dead fish, mollusks, and crustaceans, or parts thereof, or their gametes or fertilized eggs, may be imported, transported, and possessed in captivity without a permit except as follows:

(1) No such live fish, mollusks, crustacean, or any progeny or eggs thereof may be released into the wild except by the State wildlife conservation agency having jurisdiction over the area of release or by persons having prior written permission from such agency.

(2) The importation, transportation, or acquisition of any of the species listed in this paragraph is prohibited except as provided under the terms and conditions set forth in §16.22:

(i) Live fish or viable eggs of walking catfish, family Claridae.

(ii) Live mitten crabs, genus Eriocheir, or their viable eggs.

(iii) Live mollusks, veligers, or viable eggs of zebra mussels, genus Dreissena.

(iv) Any live fish or viable eggs of snakehead fishes of the genera Channa and Parachanna (or their generic synonyms of Bostrychoidei, Ophioccephalus, Ophiocephalus, and Parophiocephalus) of the Family Channidae, including but not limited to:

(A) Channa amphibeus (Chel or Borna snakehead).

(B) Channa argus (Northern or Amur snakehead).

(C) Channa asiatica (Chinese or Northern Green snakehead).

(D) Channa aurantimaculata.

(E) Channa bankanensis (Bangka snakehead).

(F) Channa baramensis (Baram snakehead).

(G) Channa barca (barca or tiger snakehead).

(H) Channa bleheri (rainbow or jewel snakehead).

(I) Channa cyanospilos (bluespotted snakehead).

(J) Channa gachua (dwarf, gaucha, or frog snakehead).

(K) Channa harcourtbutleri (Inle snakehead).

(L) Channa lucius (shiny or splendid snakehead).

(M) Channa maculata (blotted snakehead).

(N) Channa marulius (bullseye, murrel, Indian, great, or cobra snakehead).

(O) Channa maruloides (emperor snakehead).

(P) Channa melanoptera.

(Q) Channa melasoma (black snakehead).

(R) Channa micropeltes (giant, red, or redline snakehead).

(S) Channa nor.

(T) Channa orientalis (Ceylon or Ceylonese Green snakehead).

(U) Channa panan.

(V) Channa pleurophthalmus (ocellated, spotted, or eyespot snakehead).

(W) Channa punctata (dotted or spotted snakehead).

(X) Channa stewartii (golden snakehead).

(Y) Channa striata (chevron or striped snakehead).

(Z) Parachanna africana (Niger or African snakehead).

(BB) Parachanna insignis (Congo, square-spotted African or light African snakehead).

(3) Notwithstanding §16.32, all Federal agencies shall be subject to the requirements stated within this section. Live or dead uneviscerated salmonid fish (family Salmonidae), live fertilized eggs, or gametes of salmonid fish are prohibited entry into the United States for any purpose except by direct shipment accompanied by a certification that: as defined in paragraph (e)(1) of