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RE: Changes to Requirements for Importing Sloths

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Dear Captive Wildlife Permittees,

As a reminder, Executive Order EO 26-12 (attached) remains in effect until 11:59 p.m. on July 10, 2026, unless rescinded or extended by subsequent order. All instances of importation of sloth species prior to that date must be in compliance with EO 26-12.

After the expiration of EO 26-12, Permits to Import Class III Wildlife for Commercial Use (IMP-III), also known as "**blanket import permits**", **will no longer authorize the importation of any sloth species (suborder *Folivora*) into Florida.** All entities who are properly permitted to possess sloth species will be required to obtain a no cost Wildlife Importation Permit prior to the importation of sloth(s) into Florida. A copy of that permit application has been attached for your convenience. Completed applications must be submitted by email to CaptiveWildlife@myFWC.com. We recommend submitting the application at least two weeks prior to each importation event to allow ample time for processing.

Consistent with this change, effective immediately, all **blanket import permits have been updated to exclude sloth species.** The following text has been added: "**This permit does not authorize the importation of any species of sloth (suborder *Folivora*).**" You may find the updated language in the Permit Conditions under condition "IMP III #2". In order to provide additional clarity, the Captive Wildlife Office will also be updating the "Authorized Wildlife" section of all IMP-III permits to indicate that they authorize the importation of all Class III mammals **except** capuchin, spider, and woolly monkeys, cervids, and sloths (suborder *Folivora*) at a future date.

Those entities with valid IMP-III permits should log in to their account in GoOutdoorsFlorida and re-download/re-print the permit in order to see the updated language. Failure to download an updated version of IMP-III permits does not exempt entities from the updated conditions.

If you have any questions, please contact the Captive Wildlife Section at (850) 488-6253, email CaptiveWildlife@myFWC.com, or write to Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, Division of Law Enforcement, Captive Wildlife Section, 620 South Meridian Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-1600.

Sincerely,

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