

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

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**Importation of animal products derived from Reptiles, Amphibians, Fish or Invertebrates from other EU Member States**

The Importation of Animal Products and Poultry Products Order 1980 (as amended) under which we issue licences for imports of certain animal derived material for research purposes from EU countries, does not cover products derived from (reptiles/amphibians/fish/invertebrates). There are no animal health concerns in respect of products derived from (reptiles/amphibians/fish/invertebrates) and as such you will not need an animal health import licence from Animal Health or Defra.

There are restrictions and prohibitions on the carriage of certain products and substances by post. Guidance is available from the following sites:

<http://www.dft.gov.uk/pgr/freight/dgt1/>

[http://www.liv.ac.uk/biomedsci/safety/infectious\\_substances.ppt](http://www.liv.ac.uk/biomedsci/safety/infectious_substances.ppt)

<http://www.postoffice.co.uk/portal/po/content1?catId=19100182&mediaId=19100263&print=true>

<http://www.royalmail.com/portal/rm/content1?catId=400138&mediaId=36200679>

I would suggest you include a copy of this letter with any consignments of this material you bring in from EU countries in case you experience any problems on entry.

Please note this letter only covers products, if you wish to import live animals of any of the species mentioned, you will need to contact

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Yours sincerely

