



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Stricter domestic measures regarding import of certain snakes

1. This Notification is being published at the request of the United States of America.
2. The United States wishes to inform the CITES Parties that, since 9 April 2015, import into the United States of the following snakes have been prohibited:
  - *Python reticulatus* (Reticulated Python);
  - *Eunectes deschauenseei* (Meyer de Schauensee's anaconda);
  - *Eunectes murinus* (Green Anaconda); and
  - *Eunectes beniensis* (Beni Anaconda).
3. These four large non-native snakes are listed as "injurious wildlife" (effective 9 April 2015) under the United States federal regulations (50 CFR 16) that implement injurious-wildlife provisions of the Lacey Act. In addition to domestic prohibitions, the new listing makes it illegal to import live specimens (including gametes, viable eggs, and hybrids) of these snakes into the United States without an injurious-wildlife permit. The import prohibition includes a ban on shipments containing these snakes transiting through the United States on their way to other countries.
4. The listing does not prohibit the import into the United States of dead specimens of these snakes or of products made from dead specimens.
5. For further information on the import of these snakes, contact the CITES Management Authority of the United States at [managementauthority@fws.gov](mailto:managementauthority@fws.gov).