



**Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries, Physical Planning, Natural Resources and Co-operatives
VETERINARY AND LIVESTOCK SERVICES DIVISION**

Conditions for the Importation of Pet Turtles and Tortoises into Saint Lucia

1. Reptiles can only be imported through the seaport of Castries and Vieux-Fort, or the airports of George FL Charles and Hewanorra.
2. The reptiles must be imported directly to Saint Lucia and must not come in contact with any animals along the way except such for which a similar permit has been granted.
3. Reptiles must be accompanied by an **Import Permit** obtained at the Veterinary Division in Saint Lucia, before importation and an **Export Health Certificate** issued by The Veterinary Authority of the Country of origin.
4. The Veterinary Certificate as in (3) above shall state that:
 - i. The turtles/tortoises were born and raised in the country for which the permit has been granted and have never left the country, or have been resident in that country for the last twelve (12) months.
 - ii. The turtles/tortoises originated from establishments that are regularly inspected by The Veterinary Authority from which there have been no official reports of Salmonellosis twelve months prior to exportation into St. Lucia.
 - iii. The turtles/tortoises were treated for internal and external parasites not more than fourteen (14) days prior to the date of exportation.
 - iv. The turtles/tortoises were examined on the day of export and found to be free of any sign of infectious/contagious disease as well as internal and external parasites.
5. It is the importer's responsibility to determine whether the species for importation is subject to the controls imposed by the **Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)**, which are administered in Saint Lucia by the Forestry/Fisheries Department. Please contact the Forestry Department for information.

Please note that:

- Arrangements for Import Permit must be made in advance of travel date.
- Please notify the Veterinary and Livestock Services Division of your port of entry, date, time and flight number at least three days in advance of your arrival date.

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CHIEF VETERINARY OFFICER

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THIS IS NOT AN IMPORT PERMIT