

Trade in snakes on the Snake Day at Houten, The Netherlands

Dutch legislation

The snakes that occur within The Netherlands are on the Dutch Red list and therefore it is illegal to sell, buy or transport them within The Netherlands. The snakes concerned are:

- *Natrix natrix*
- *Coronella austriaca*
- *Vipera berus*

So it is not allowed to bring these species to the Snake Day.

European legislation

The European Union regulates the trade in fauna and flora and these regulations are based on the CITES lists. The original Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 of 9 December 1996 is updated when necessary and the most recent update is amendment M18, the Commission Regulation No 750/2013 of 29 July 2013.

It can be downloaded in all languages of the EU from the EUR-Lex website

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex:32013R0750>

This list contains the updated Commission Regulation for Annexes A, B, C (snakes on p.49-52) and D (snakes on p. 88-89).

Annex A contains all CITES Appendix I species. Also several Appendix II species are added here. Besides that also species are added that are protected by other European directives, which are not necessarily CITES species.

Annex B contains most of the CITES Appendix II species.

Annex C contains most of the CITES Appendix III species.

Annex D contains species of which the import into the European Community is monitored.

Documents that you need when you want to buy or sell these species:

EG certificate (CITES document)

- all Annex A species
- Annex B species of which the legal origin cannot be proven

In general it will not be possible to bring these species to the Snake Day, because all the necessary documents and formalities of the vendor and of the purchaser have to be settled in advance of the transfer of the animal.

Transfer declaration

- Annex B species of which the legal origin can be proven
- Annex C species
- Annex D species

A transfer declaration contains the names and addresses of vendor and purchaser, description of the animal (scientific name, characteristics, sex, the date of birth when born and bred in captivity, the import certificate number when wild caught), place and date, and signatures of both the vendor and the purchaser. When the animal is wild caught it is advised to also ask for a copy of the original import certificate.

Notice of import into your own country

- Annex C species, which are not on the CITES lists
- Annex D species

This form is available from the CITES desk in your country.

The Commission Regulation No 750/2013 of 29 July 2013 contains the following species:
 De Commission Regulation No 750/2013 van 29 juli 2013 omvat de volgende soorten:

Annex A	Annex B	Annex C	Annex D
Boidae			
<i>Acrantophis spp.</i>	Boidae spp., except for the species included in Annex A		
<i>Boa constrictor occidentalis</i>			
<i>Epicrates inornatus</i>			
<i>Epicrates monensis</i>			
<i>Epicrates subflavus</i>			
<i>Eryx jaculus</i>			
<i>Sanzinia madagascariensis</i>			
Bolyeriidae			
<i>Bolyeria multocarinata</i>	Bolyeriidae spp., except for the species incl. in Annex A		
<i>Casarea dussumieri</i>			
Colubridae			
	<i>Clelia clelia</i>	<i>Atretium schistosum</i>	<i>Elaphe carinata</i>
	<i>Cyclagras gigas</i>	<i>Cerberus rynchops</i>	<i>Elaphe radiata</i>
	<i>Elachistodon westermanni</i>	<i>Xenochrophis piscator</i>	<i>Elaphe taeniura</i>
	<i>Ptyas mucosus</i>		<i>Enhydris bocourti</i>
			<i>Homalopsis buccata</i>
			<i>Langaha nasuta</i>
			<i>Leioheterodon madagascariensis</i>
			<i>Ptyas korros</i>
			<i>Rhabdophis subminiatus</i>
Elapidae			
	<i>Hoplocephalus bungaroides</i>	<i>Micrurus diastema</i>	<i>Lapemis curtus</i>
	<i>Naja atra</i>	<i>Micrurus nigrocinctus</i>	<i>Lapemis hardwickii</i>
	<i>Naja kaouthia</i>		
	<i>Naja mandalayensis</i>		
	<i>Naja naja</i>		
	<i>Naja oxiana</i>		
	<i>Naja philippensis</i>		
	<i>Naja sagittifera</i>		
	<i>Naja samarensis</i>		
	<i>Naja siamensis</i>		
	<i>Naja sputatrix</i>		
	<i>Naja sumatrana</i>		
	<i>Ophiophagus hannah</i>		
Loxocemidae			
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Pythonidae			
<i>Python molurus molurus</i>	Pythonidae spp., except for the species incl. in Annex A		
Tropidophiidae			
	Tropidophiidae spp.		
Viperidae			
<i>Vipera latifii</i>	<i>Crotalus durissus unicolor</i>	<i>Crotalus durissus</i>	<i>Calloselasma rhodostoma</i>
<i>Vipera ursinii</i> (Europa)	<i>Trimeresurus mangshanensis</i>	<i>Daboia russelii</i>	
	<i>Vipera wagneri</i>		