

Client Advisory

May 28, 2021

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to Release Data on Shipments

Dear Valued Customer,

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is set to release data on shipments of plant and wildlife regulated by the department unless importers and exporters submit an objection by June 11, 2021.

Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests were received by FWS to obtain information on regulated shipments that were imported and exported for the calendar year 1999, and from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2020. The information that was submitted on Form 3-177 will be made public for those time frames. Importers and exporters who wish to obtain copies of the information submitted during that time frame to review for potentially sensitive or confidential business information may submit a request to FWS. FWS advised in their notice that they will be responsible in determining if the requested information should be withheld.

Data elements to be made public include Importer name and address, foreign shipper, origin value and quantity.

To receive a copy of the information contained, send the request to:

- Email: <u>fwhq_foia@fws.gov</u>
- Fax: 703-358-2271
- Mail: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Law Enforcement (FOIA) 5275 Leesburg Pike (MS: OLE) Falls Church, VA 22041

To submit an objection to the release of data, send the request to:

- Email: <u>Submitter_Notice@fws.gov</u>
- Fax: 703-358-2271
- Mail: U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Law Enforcement (FOIA) 5275 Leesburg Pike (MS: OLE) Falls Church, VA 22041

To review the full FWS notice: <u>Notice Pursuant to Executive Order 12600 of Receipt of Freedom of Information Act</u> (FOIA); Requests for Wildlife/Flora Import and Export Data stored in LEMIS

To view a copy of FWS Form 3-177 and the data elements listed: https://www.fws.gov/le/pdf/3177.pdf

Thank you for being our Valued Customer. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your C.H. Robinson commercial representative for further information.

Sincerely, C.H. Robinson

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