

Translation from Finnish
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Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry, Finland

Government Decree on Invasive Alien Species of National Concern

Enacted under section 11 of the Act on Managing the Risks Caused by Alien Species (1709/2015)

Section 1

Invasive aliens species of national concern

Invasive alien species of national concern referred to in section 11 of the Act on Managing the Risks Caused by Alien Species (1709/2015) (*Alien Species Act*) are the species listed in Annexes A and B to this Decree and species included in the taxonomic groups of species listed in the Annexes.

Section 2

Derogation

- (1) Section 4 of the Alien Species Act shall not apply to species referred to in paragraphs 3 and 4 of Annex A to this Decree.
- (2) The ban laid down in section 11(2)(2) of the Alien Species Act shall not apply to:
 - 1) specimens of species referred to in paragraphs 1–4 of Annex A which are used for an activity referred to in a permit under section 20(2) or 20 a(2) of the Animal Welfare Act (247/1996) or an activity referred to in the Act on the Protection of Animals Used for Scientific or Educational Purposes (497/2013);
 - 2) specimens of species referred to in paragraph 1.1 of Annex A which are used as fur animals, including breeding animals.
- (3) Species referred to in paragraph 1.1.1 of Annex A to the Decree may not be intentionally imported from outside the European Union or from a Member State of the European Union. The other bans laid down in section 11(2)(2) of the Alien Species Act shall not apply to these species.

Section 3

Entry into force

- (1) This Act enters into force on 1 January 2016.
- (2) Specimens of species referred to in paragraphs 1–4 of Annex A to the Decree whose possession is prohibited by virtue of section 11(2)(2) of the Alien Species Act and the possession of which has been gained before the entry into force of this Decree may be kept in possession until their natural death.

Annex A

ANIMALS

1 Mammals

1.1 taxonomic group: Carnivora

including

1.1.1 hybrids of domestic dog and wolf (*Canis lupus*) or domestic dog and another canid species (Canidae) in generations F1–F4, and hybrids of these hybrids and a canid other than domestic dog;

1.1.2 hybrids of domestic cat and another feline species in generations F1–F4, and hybrids of these hybrids and a feline other than domestic cat;

and excluding the following species:

- carnivores referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of section 42(1) of the Hunting Act (615/1993);
- domestic dog and its hybrids from generation F5 onwards;
- domestic cat and its hybrids from generation F5 onwards
- ferret.

1.2 taxonomic group: bats Chiroptera

2 Birds

2.1 taxonomic group: birds of prey (Accipitriformes) Accipitridae, Cathartidae, Falconidae and Pandionidae and their hybrids

2.2 taxonomic group: owls (Strigiformes) Strigidae and Tytonidae

2.3 taxonomic group: crows Corvidae

2.4 hybrids of lesser white-fronted goose *Anser erythropus* with other species of geese

3 Reptiles

3.1 sand lizard *Lacerta agilis*

4 Amphibians

4.1 taxonomic group: green frogs Pelophylax

4.2 European green tree frog *Hyla arborea*

4.3 yellow-bellied toad *Bombina variegata*

4.4 alpine newt *Ichthyosaura alpestris*

Annex B

PLANTS

1 giant hogweed *Heracleum mantegazzianum*