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### **Conditions Governing the Importation of Earthworms (*Eisenia fetida*) into the Cayman Islands for Vermicomposting**

Prior to applying for an import permit, prospective importers must first apply to the Department of Environment for permission to import live earthworm species.

All animals imported into the Cayman Islands **must** be accompanied by an import permit issued by the Cayman Islands Department of Agriculture.

All correspondence and **copies** of the application documents should be written legibly in English, and can be submitted using the following options:

1. **Copies**, scanned and emailed as attachments to [CI.AgricultureVS@gov.ky](mailto:CI.AgricultureVS@gov.ky)
2. **Copies**, delivered in person to the physical address listed below

Physical address: 181 Lottery Road, Lower Valley Bodden Town, Grand Cayman Cayman Islands	Tel: (345) 947-3090 Email: <a href="mailto:CI.AgricultureVS@gov.ky">CI.AgricultureVS@gov.ky</a> Website: <a href="http://www.doa.gov.ky">www.doa.gov.ky</a>
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A non-refundable application fee of **CI\$50/ consignment** must be submitted along with the application for importation.

The following conditions **must** also be met when importing earthworms:

1. A health certificate or letter issued by a USDA accredited veterinarian verifying that the animals are healthy and appear to be free from disease.
2. The earthworms **must be free from soil** and in clean, new containers filled with fresh, artificial bedding.
  - a. Approved worm beddings: Moist shredded paper
3. Shipping documents (e.g., invoice) must clearly identify the genus and species of the imported organisms.
4. The importer **must** declare the consignment for inspection upon arrival.

Possession of a valid Import Permit does not guarantee entry. All animals and documents are subject to examination at the port of entry by an Agricultural Health Inspector. **Should the earthworms fail to meet the entry requirements, the Director of Agriculture (or designate), discretionally, and at the expense of the importer, may order that the earthworms be refused entry and returned immediately, or be destroyed.**

**NB: Other earthworm species will require further assessment by the Department of Environment and the Department of Agriculture prior to importation.**

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## APPLICATION TO IMPORT EARTHWORMS (*Eisenia fetida*) INTO THE CAYMAN ISLANDS

CONSIGNOR'S DETAILS		CONSIGNEE'S DETAILS	
NAME		NAME	
ADDRESS		ADDRESS	
Tel:	Email:	Tel:	Email:

## CONSIGNMENT DETAILS

(Use additional sheet if necessary)

SCIENTIFIC NAME	COMMON NAME	LIFE STAGE <sup>1</sup>	NUMBER	CITES APPENDIX <sup>2</sup>

<b>FINAL LOCATION:</b>
<b>INTENDED USE (e.g. ornamental, research, teaching)</b>

**1 e.g. Adults, juveniles, hatchlings, eggs**

**2 CITES Appendix I, II, III or N/A (not applicable)**

## SHIPMENT DETAILS

(If not available 48 hours notice must be given of arrival of shipment)

AIRLINE/SHIPPING COMPANY	FLIGHT NUMBER/VESSEL NAME	EXPECTED DATE AND TIME OF ARRIVAL
SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT		

## OFFICE USE ONLY

Application Received: _____	Importer Notified: _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Health Certificate	Recommendations
<input type="checkbox"/> CITES Permit	
<input type="checkbox"/> Approved <input type="checkbox"/> Denied	
	_____ SIGNATURE