

## **Rules and liability insurance applicable for Expo Mitt and Expo Syd**

Important changes: Ban on scaleless reptiles, Ban on venomoids (with surgically removed venom glands), Minimum container size 1.5 dl, Stricter requirements for venomous animals.

Chemicals legislation changed. For plant protection products registration will be required even for agents with physical effects, like soapy water which suffocates lice. This does not concern agents with other purposes than protecting plants. For example, agents against mites can be sold if they purely have a physical effect. But that must be proved and rules about declaration of contents and instructions in Swedish still applies. Please note that the requirement of approval still applies even if the agent has a biological origin and that there are requirements of approval even for organisms used for control, like predatory mites. The rules are complicated, contact the chemicals agency if anything is unclear. It can be very expensive to sell something that is not ok.

NOTE! New list for endangered species annex A – D applies for 2014, see link below, always use latest version.

### **Society's requirements**

To follow society's various rules about permits etc. is your own responsibility as a seller. We expect that you look up what applies to you and your animals. The person that booked the table on the expo is responsible for all animals on their table, and that all helpers follows the rules of the expo.

We, as an association, prioritize the following during Expo Mitt: • Rules for trade with listed animals must be followed. Animals on EGannex A can only be sold if they meet all requirements about certificates and marking. All the necessary documentation must be available at the expo. Animals present in the domestic fauna can only be sold with documentation proving the legal origins, whether the species is listed or not. This requirement does not apply to house mice or brown rat. Animals that are not allowed to be sold for hobby or pets according to Swedish legislation, are not allowed on the expo. Chemicals like insecticides, disinfection agents etc. can only be sold if they meet applicable Swedish requirements. Our basis is that the package must have information and warning labels in Swedish. We will not allow sales of chemical substances that does not meet that requirement.

*Container hereinafter refers to all cages, boxes, aquariums etc. where animals are kept during the expo.*

### **Animal protection**

Because of the communities' interest in our fairs, it's important for us to show that we can handle the animals in a good way. Think over things an extra time, so everything's both good for the animals and looks nice for the visitors.

The following requirements apply on our expos: Animals shall normally be kept and sold separately. For species where it obviously can be appropriate to keep several animals together, for example mice and cockroaches, that can be allowed. Reptiles have to be kept separately. If several animals are kept together, the dimensions must be adapted for that purpose.

Animals that are kept separately must be kept and sold in a transportation container that must be included in the purchase. For animals kept together, the seller must provide suitable transport containers. • The animals need for heat and humidity must be seen to according to the species requirements. Very moisture consuming animals must be showered when needed. For extra sensitive animals the seller must be able to measure humidity and temperature.

If needed the animals must have access to appropriate food. All handling must be done so that unnecessary stress is avoided. Obviously stressed animals must be removed from the sales table. Containers and animals must not be handled so that the animals are stressed unnecessarily. Only animals in good health and without external parasites can be sold. The animal welfare controller on location, hired by the association, will determine health matters in doubtful cases and instructions from this person must be followed.

Care sheets must be included with sold animals. The seller must be able to provide all relevant information necessary for the buyer to take care of the animal correctly. The seller must give the buyer a transfer document/receipt with the sellers contact information and information about number and species of the sold animal/s. Rodents must have interior that create security and access to food and water. Rodents that are not weaned are not allowed to be sold alive. • The seller must inform the buyer that it is not allowed to walk around with the animals on the expo, they are to be then the shortest way out from the expo or to storage. If needed the seller must store the animal for the buyer until the expo closes. Container must be cleaned if necessary.

The animal protection agencies rules about the keeping of pets, L80, 2005:8, contains the rules for selling animals that is applied during the expo. The rules in L 80 about space and some environment requirements does not apply to reptiles, amphibians and fish where the requirements hereinafter apply. For other animals the requirements in the available rules must be fulfilled, primarily L 80, 2005:8. • The animal protection agencies rules about transportation, L 5, 2004:10, are the minimum requirements during transport to and from the expo.

### **Packing/keeping**

All containers must be escape proof. • The containers must be visibly labeled with the animals scientific name, Swedish name if available, sex if known and the sellers name and phone number.

Containers must be secluded on all sides except one. The interior must create security. Ground dwelling animals must have appropriate substrate, climbers must have appropriate interior for climbing, aquatic animals must be kept in water.

Concerning reptiles and amphibians the minimum size for the shortest side of the container or, for round container, the diameter: For lizards and amphibians 1.5 times the measurement of nose - anal. For snakes 0.3 times the measurement of nose - tip of the tail. For turtles/tortoises 2 times the length of the carapace, even so, minimum volume is 1.5 dl. Height must be adapted to size and behavior. The animals must be able to move around, rest and turn around in the container, without any problems.

Fish is allowed to be sold in plastic bags according to normal practice, volume and air/oxygen must be reasonable for the content. Such bags are not allowed to be visible on the table but can only be taken out and shown to serious speculants. Fish that is shown must be kept in normal aquarium conditions. • Optionally the animals can be kept so that all demands of L 80 is met. In that case, several reptiles can be kept together. This does not apply to venomous species.

For mammals and birds included in L 80 all requirements on keeping must be met during the expo. That includes space requirements, interior, requirements about the animals not being kept alone etc.

Animals must be transported to the expo under forms acceptable for animal protection.

Reptiles, amphibians and invertebrates should normally be transported in Styrofoam boxes or something similar to protect them against temperature changes.

### **Venomous animals**

With venomous animals in these rules, we mean animals that can cause substantial damage to humans. With venomous snakes we do not mean hognose snakes and species with similar risks.

Venomous animals must be kept in a sustainable container that is secured to not open and constructed so that the animals cannot bite, sting or if applicable spit through the container. With sustainable we mean that the container must be able to be dropped from a meter without opening or cracking. The container must be marked with a venom symbol and complete scientific name.

Venomous animals can only be sold to persons over the age of 18, that are also known for or can convince the seller about their suitability. If the buy concerns snakes, the required age must be proven through a certificate issued by the association. Venomous snakes can under no circumstances be sold to a buyer without a newly issued certificate mentioned above. Sellers of venomous animals must thoroughly inform the buyer that the animals are not allowed to be carried around during the expo, they must be taken out of the expo immediately. Sellers of venomous animals must be able to store the sold, venomous animal for the buyer during the fair.

Sellers of venomous animals cannot leave the animals unattended on the table. If the seller must leave the table with venomous animals, and no replacement can be found for the seller, the animals must be stored away from the reach of visitors.

Venomous animals must under no circumstances be taken out of the container during the expo. If for any reason a venomous animal must be handled an Expo worker must be contacted for instructions to a suitable place to do so. Venomous animals must be kept in a display box or something similar, so the visitors can't reach and handle the animals containers. The construction of the display box must be done so that the containers can be viewed easily without unnecessary handling. At the same time it must be done so that the visitors can't reach the containers without visible problems. Containers secured in this way in a display box does not have to be double. If the demand of a display box is not followed, venomous snakes must be packed double, that means a complete container inside of another complete container.

Venomous snakes can only be displayed and sold in the special venomous snake section or other designated space.

Venomous snakes that had some sort of surgery done to put the venom production out of order (venomoids) are not allowed to be sold.

### **Breeding forms**

In the association we are very skeptical to some forms of breeding and want to work against the worst aberrations. Therefore we now introduce a first rule in this area, to counteract a development we do not want.

Reptiles cannot be sold if they completely lack scales or if the scales are substantially reduced compared to the wild form.

### **Invertebrates**

Above text does not apply to invertebrates. They must still be handled in a suitable way for sustaining a good animal protection. And the requirements above can then be seen as guidelines for how to keep the animals in a suitable way. The requirement for venomous species does still apply to invertebrates.

### **Other handling**

According to the Swedish board of agriculture's decisions animals can't be handled for things like photography or letting a child feel a snake. Even though that's common in zoos, pet fairs etc. the Swedish boards of agriculture consider the animals in those conditions as more resistant to stress than they are at our expos.

### **Exceptions**

If a species with special needs have a reason for the seller to depart from our rules, this may be acceptable but only if it's obviously for the best of the animal and only after discussion with the association.

### **Rules of comfort**

Alcohol and drugs are not allowed on the expo. Low alcohol beer and corresponding drinks are allowed. Smoking is not allowed. • The association of Amazonas that organizes the expo has no responsibility for, and will not replace, any damage to animals or equipment that sellers bring to the expo.

Good order and nice atmosphere shall advise on the expo. Sellers that does not respect rules and reprimands will be rejected.

**I hereby certify that I, as a booker of a table on the expo, have read and accept the rules above.**

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Date

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Signature

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Printed name

## **Information**

Animals that are not allowed for private individuals in Sweden: Primates, Birds of prey, Predators (Carnivora) with some exceptions, wild caught animals except fish and invertebrates, crayfish, European birds (unclear rule).

### **Links:**

Swedish board of agriculture, general information:

[www.sjv.se](http://www.sjv.se)

L 80, rules for keeping and selling of pets:

[http://www.sjv.se/download/18.b1bed211329040f5080001872/DFS\\_200508](http://www.sjv.se/download/18.b1bed211329040f5080001872/DFS_200508).

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L 5, rules for transport of animals:

[http://www.sjv.se/download/18.b1bed211329040f5080001835/DFS\\_200609](http://www.sjv.se/download/18.b1bed211329040f5080001835/DFS_200609).

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Species protection regulation, Swedish rules for endangered species etc, contains annex N and N with special requirements:

<http://www.notisum.se/rnp/sls/lag/20070845.HTM>

EG 338/97, rules for trade with endangered species, European CITESrules, list of species:

[http://www.jordbruksverket.se/download/18.4e7f1663135f13502d28000504/Bilaga+A\\_D+om+vilda+djur+och+vaxter.pdf](http://www.jordbruksverket.se/download/18.4e7f1663135f13502d28000504/Bilaga+A_D+om+vilda+djur+och+vaxter.pdf)

Swedish chemicals agency: <http://www.kemi.se/>