

Amendment to Law of the People's Republic of China on the Protection of Wildlife

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The Law of the People's Republic of China on the Protection of Wildlife was passed by the National People's Congress in 1988. It was first amended in 2004 and secondly amended on 2 July 2016. The second amendment shall enter into force on 1 January 2017. Below are major differences between the old and the newly amended laws. The yellow highlights are the areas which do not exist in the old law.

Differences between the old and the newly amended laws on the protection of wildlife

Old law	New law after amendment on 2 July 2016
The transportation or carrying of wildlife under special state protection or the products thereof out of any county must be approved by the department of wildlife administration under the government of the relevant province, autonomous region or municipality directly under the Central Government, or by a unit authorized by the same department.	In accordance with relevant articles of this law, licence and approval documents, and quarantine certificates shall be held or attached for the transportation, carrying or posting of wildlife under special state protection or the products thereof out of any county. Certifications for legal sources of hunting, import and export, and quarantine shall be provided for transporting out of county territory the wildlife not under special protection by the state.
	Certifications for legal sources of hunting, import and export shall be provided for selling and using wildlife that is not under special protection by the state.
	To free captive wildlife into wild environment, any organization and individual shall select local species suitable for survival in the locality. They shall be legally responsible for randomly freeing wildlife, and harming other people's life, property, and ecosystem.
	Standards and methods for assessing the value of the captive, value of wildlife and products thereof, shall be formulated by the department of wildlife administration under the State Council.
Lists or revised lists of wildlife under special state protection shall be drawn up by the department of wildlife administration under the State Council and announced after being submitted to and approved by the State Council.	Lists of wildlife under special state protection shall be drawn up through scientific assessment, and adjusted in accordance with the assessment by the department of wildlife administration under the State Council every five years. Lists of wildlife under special state protection shall be announced after being submitted to the State Council for approval.