

## **EU Regulation on Invasive Alien Species (IAS)**

Some of the core provisions of EU Regulation (1143/2014) which deal with, among other things, bringing into the territory of the Union, keeping, breeding, transporting and placing on the market, species included on the list of invasive alien species of Union concern ( the 'Union list' ) came into force on the 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 2016.

### **The list of IAS of Union Concern**

The first "Union list" of 37 species consisting of 23 animals and 14 plants came into force, following the publication of the Commission Implementing Regulation (2016/1141), in the Official Journal of the Union on the 14 July, 2016. The 'Union list' comprises species whose potential adverse impacts across the European Union are such that concerted action across Member States is required. A copy of the 'Union list' can be found [here](#).

Of the 37 species on the 'Union list', 9 are already found on this island including the Grey squirrel, Muntjac deer, Chinese mitten crab, Red-eared terrapin/slider, Ruddy duck, Curly waterweed, American skunk cabbage, Floating pennywort (Northern Ireland) and Parrot's feather.

### **Other measures in the Regulation**

Member States will be required to take further measures in time to provide for early detection and eradication of these species, and to manage those species that are already widely spread in their territory.

The Regulation also includes special provisions to deal with the specific needs of pet owners, traders, breeders and other stakeholders. The 'Union list' will be updated regularly to include further species likely to have significant impacts on biodiversity and ecosystems.

An FAQ on the Regulation can be found [here](#) and more information can be accessed on the website of the European Union at:

[http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/invasivealien/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/invasivealien/index_en.htm)

Legislation is being prepared here to deal with issues, such as penalties for breaches of the Regulation, which are a matter for each Member State.

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