

IMPORT OF LIVE FISH (ENGLAND AND WALES) ACT 1980

THE PROHIBITION OF KEEPING OF LIVE FISH (CRAYFISH) ORDER 1996 (AS AMENDED)

Application for a licence to keep non–native crayfish

(crayfish other than the native or white-clawed crayfish (*Austropotamobius pallipes*))

Please read the following Guidance Notes carefully before completing the form. **You should allow at least two months for your application to be processed** and answer all the questions on the form, otherwise your application may be delayed.

Guidance Notes

It is an offence under section 3(1) of the Import of Live Fish (England and Wales) Act 1980, under which the Prohibition of Keeping of Live Fish (Crayfish) Order 1996, as amended, is made, to keep non-native crayfish without a valid licence, with the exception of signal crayfish kept in exempted areas (see below).

No licence is required to keep signal crayfish (*Pacifastacus leniusculus*) in areas of England and Wales where extensive feral populations have become established. These areas are listed in the attached annex.

1. General licence authorising the keeping of non-native crayfish for direct human consumption

Fish markets, hotels, restaurants and other persons concerned with the supply of non-native crayfish for direct human consumption are covered by a general licence allowing them to keep such crayfish. If you fall within one of these categories the general licence will exempt you from the need to make a separate application provided that you operate in accordance with the following procedures:

- in the case of fish markets or fishmongers, the crayfish are intended for human consumption and are held on a short-term or temporary basis for imminent transfer;
- in the case of hotels, restaurants and individual persons, the crayfish are held for no other purpose than direct human consumption;
- the crayfish are held securely in escape-proof containers at all times;
- crayfish which are not used are dead before disposal.

2. Licensing requirements under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981

A licence will authorise only the keeping of crayfish. It does not allow you to release or introduce signal or any

other species of non-native crayfish into the wild. **All introductions or releases of non-native crayfish into the wild must be authorised by a licence issued under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981.** Given the great mobility of crayfish, there is a general presumption against the issue of Wildlife and Countryside Act licences authorising the release of non-native species of crayfish into any open waters.

3. Crayfish farming/imports

Please note that anyone carrying on a business of crayfish farming must register their business with the Ministry. For an application form or further information on the cultivation or import of crayfish please contact:

- CEFAS Weymouth Laboratory, Barrack Road, The Nothe, Weymouth, Dorset DT4 8UB
Telephone 01305 206673/4
Fax 01305 206602

4. Licensing requirements in Scotland and Wales

This application form relates only to the keeping of crayfish in England. If you wish to keep crayfish in Scotland or Wales application forms can be obtained from:

Scotland

- Scottish Executive Environment and Rural Affairs Department, Pentland House, 47 Robbs Loan, Edinburgh, EH14 1TW
Telephone 0131 244 6223.

Wales

- National Assembly for Wales Agriculture Department, Cathays Park, Cardiff, CF1 3NQ
Telephone 02920 823556

Further information on licensing

If you need any further information about the licensing of the keeping or of the release of non-native crayfish please telephone **020 7238 5931** during normal office hours.

1. Name and full postal address of applicant

	Postcode
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Telephone number including national dialling code

Fax number (if appropriate)

2. Why do you wish to keep crayfish? (*please tick appropriate box*)

- (a) Farming for human consumption
- (b) For import / re-export
- (c) For research
- (d) Other

If **OTHER**, please give details

3. Please list the species of crayfish you wish to keep:

4. Full address of location at which crayfish are to be kept (including Postcode).

	Postcode
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5. Where are the crayfish to be kept?

INDOOR (*please tick appropriate box*)

- Aquaria
- Tanks
- Other

If **OTHER**, please give details:

OUTDOOR (*please tick appropriate box*)

- Tank
- Manmade Pond
- Natural Pond (enclosed)
- Natural pond (connected to other watercourse)

● Stream

● Other

If **OTHER**, please give details:

6. Please describe the precautions to be taken to prevent the escape of the crayfish to be kept or introduced:

7. When do you wish to start keeping crayfish?

Signature

Date

Status

(e.g. Proprietor, Director etc. of a company, or Secretary etc. of a club or society)

Completed application forms should be returned to the DEFRA address at the top of page 1.

Should you wish to provide further information in support of your application please use the space provided below.

Parts of England and Wales in which no licence is required to keep crayfish of the species *Pacifastacus leniusculus*

Postcode areas	Town on which postcode area is centred	Postal districts in postcode area within which no licence is required
AL	St Albans	ALL
B	Birmingham	B1, B2, B3, B4, B5, B6, B7, B10, B11, B13, B14, B15, B16, B17, B18, B19, B20, B21, B25, B27, B28, B29, B30, B31, B32, B38, B45, B47, B48, B49, B50, B60, B61, B62, B63, B64, B65, B66, B67, B68, B69, B70, B71, B80, B94, B95, B96, B97, B98
BA	Bath	ALL
BH	Bournemouth	BH1, BH2, BH3, BH4, BH5, BH6, BH7, BH8, BH9, BH10, BH11, BH12, BH13, BH14, BH15, BH16, BH17, BH18, BH19, BH20, BH21, BH22, BH31
BN	Brighton	ALL
BR	Bromley	ALL
BS	Bristol	ALL
CB	Cambridge	ALL
CM	Chelmsford	ALL
CO	Colchester	ALL
CR	Croydon	ALL
CT	Canterbury	CT5, CT19, CT20, CT21
CV	Coventry	CV1, CV2, CV3, CV4, CV5, CV6, CV8, CV21, CV22, CV23, CV31, CV32, CV33, CV34, CV35, CV36, CV37
DA	Dartford	ALL
DT	Dorchester	ALL
DY	Dudley	ALL
E	London E	ALL
EC	London EC	ALL
EN	Enfield	ALL
EX	Exeter	EX19, EX20, EX21, EX22, EX23, EX31, EX32, EX33, EX34, EX35, EX36, EX37, EX38, EX39
GL	Gloucester	GL1, GL2, GL3, GL4, GL5, GL6, GL7, GL8, GL9, GL10, GL11, GL12, GL13, GL14, GL18, GL19, GL20, GL50, GL51, GL52, GL53, GL54, GL55, GL56
GU	Guildford	ALL
HA	Harrow	ALL
HP	Hemel Hempstead	ALL
IG	Ilford	ALL
IP	Ipswich	IP1, IP2, IP3, IP4, IP5, IP6, IP7, IP8, IP9, IP10, IP11, IP24, IP26, IP27, IP28, IP29, IP30, IP31
KT	Kingston	ALL
LD	Llandrindod Wells	LD7, LD8
LE	Leicester	LE16

Postcode areas	Town on which postcode area is centred	Postal districts in postcode area within which no licence is required
LU	Luton	ALL
ME	Maidstone	ALL
MK	Milton Keynes	ALL
N	London N	ALL
NG	Nottingham	NG33
NN	Northampton	ALL
NR	Norwich	NR17
NW	London NW	ALL
OX	Oxford	ALL
PE	Peterborough	PE1, PE2, PE3, PE4, PE5, PE6, PE7, PE8, PE9, PE10, PE11, PE12, PE14, PE15, PE16, PE17, PE18, PE19, PE20, PE30, PE31, PE32, PE33, PE34, PE37, PE38
PL	Plymouth	ALL
PO	Portsmouth & I.O.W	ALL
RG	Reading	ALL
RH	Redhill	ALL
RM	Romford	ALL
SE	London SE	ALL
SG	Stevenage	ALL
SL	Slough	ALL
SM	Sutton	ALL
SN	Swindon	ALL
SO	Southampton	SO14, SO15, SO16, SO19, SO20, SO22, SO31, SO32, SO51, SO52
SP	Salisbury	ALL
SS	Southend	ALL
SW	London SW	ALL
SY	Shrewsbury	SY1, SY2, SY3, SY4, SY5, SY6, SY7, SY8, SY9, SY10, SY11, SY15, SY16, SY17, SY21, SY22
TA	Taunton	TA1, TA2, TA5, TA6, TA7, TA8, TA9, TA10, TA11, TA12, TA13, TA14, TA15, TA16, TA17, TA18, TA19
TF	Telford	ALL
TN	Tunbridge Wells	TN1, TN2, TN3, TN4, TN5, TN6, TN7, TN8, TN9, TN10, TN12, TN13, TN14, TN15, TN16, TN17, TN18, TN19, TN20, TN21, TN22, TN28, TN29, TN30, TN31, TN32, TN33, TN34, TN35, TN36, TN37, TN38, TN39, TN40
TQ	Torquay	ALL
TR	Truro	ALL
TW	Twickenham	ALL
UB	Uxbridge	ALL
W	London W	ALL
WC	London WC	ALL
WD	Watford	ALL
WR	Worcester	ALL
WS	Walsall	WS1, WS2, WS3, WS4, WS5, WS6, WS8, WS9, WS10
WV	Wolverhampton	WV1, WV2, WV3, WV4, WV5, WV6, WV7, WV12, WV13, WV14, WV15, WV16