

Press Release January 4, 2012 – Final Rule deadline on Three Species

In the Exotic Wildlife Association's effort to keep our membership up to date concerning the latest information regarding the three species (Scimitar Horned Oryx, Addax, and Dama Gazelle) we have received and advanced copy of the new rule that will be posted by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. I have attached the wording of this final rule with this e-alert. The new rule will take effect 90 days after its publication in the Federal Registry on January 5, 2012. **This means that those breeders who currently own one or more of the species will have until April 4, 2012 to obtain permits or legally sell their animals. This rule will replace the exemption from the provisions of the ESA that was given to these three species in 2005.**

I will be meeting with the USFWS Friday in Dallas to discuss the new rule and the requirements for possessing, breeding and carrying out day to day activities managing these three species and will report my findings to you as quickly as I know exactly what the new requirements will be and how the USFWS expects to enforce these new regulations.

Please understand the EWA and other associations are still pursuing legal and legislative remedies that we believe will stop the new regulations from taking effect.

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