

Animal products policy

eBay is committed to animal welfare and the protection of native, endangered, and threatened species, so products from endangered or protected species can't be listed.

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Sellers can list certain items made from non-endangered or non-threatened animals and wildlife on eBay. However, it is up to the seller to check whether selling or shipping these items requires a license, permit, or other paperwork.

What is the policy?

Items made from the following animal and wildlife products are not allowed:

- Endangered or threatened species listed on the [US Fish & Wildlife Service Environmental Conservation Online System](https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/report/species-listings-by-tax-group?statusCategory=Listed&group=All%20Animals) - opens in new window or tab

- Species listed in the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES) [Appendix I](https://cites.org/eng/app/appendices.php) - opens in new window or tab

- Species listed in CITES [Appendix II](https://cites.org/eng/app/appendices.php) - opens in new window or tab, offering international shipping
- Ivory or bones from ivory-producing animals such as dugong, elephant, hippopotamus, narwhal, orca, sperm whale, and walrus

- Bears
- Marine mammals
- Protected turtles or tortoises
- Migratory birds and their feathers

- Cats or dogs

When listing items made from animals, you must name the animal species and follow

[US Fish &](https://www.fws.gov/program/office-of-law-enforcement)

Wildlife regulations - opens in new window or tab; International shipping of animal products must follow all country laws.</h3>; Additional information</h3>;</h3>; California laws</h3>; There are restrictions on the sale of items made from certain non-protected animals, including alligators, crocodiles, and zebras. Sellers who live in California must review and follow the guidelines in the California Penal Code Section 639-653.2 - opens in new window or tab; before listing these items.</h3>; Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna</h3>; Animals that aren't threatened or endangered may still be regulated by the US Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora - opens in new window or tab; (CITES). Animals protected under CITES require permits to cross international borders. This regulation includes many butterflies and some beetles that are used in dried insect display mounts (see the CITES list of species - opens in new window or tab;), which may require USFWS Form 3-200-3.</h3>; Ivory and wildlife laws</h3>; The sale of ivory and other wildlife products involves complex laws and regulations both in the US and internationally. Individual states, including California, also regulate the sale of ivory and wildlife products. Here are some of the applicable laws:Endangered Species: U.S. Code Title 16, 1531-1544 - opens in new window or tabGenerally prohibits the import, export, possession, and sale of animals that are considered endangered or threatened in interstate or foreign commerce. This includes the CITES statutory implementationAfrican Elephant Conservation: U.S. Code Title 16, 4201-4246 - opens in new window or

Generally restricts the import and export of African elephant ivory

[Control of Illegally Taken Fish and Wildlife: U.S. Code Title 16, 3371-3378](https://www.law.cornell.edu/uscode/text/16/chapter-53) - opens in new window or tab
Generally prohibits the import, export, transport, and sale of fish or wildlife that are taken or acquired in violation of state, federal, Indian Tribal, or foreign wildlife laws

[Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act](https://www.fws.gov/law/bald-and-golden-eagle-protection-act) - opens in new window or tab
Prohibits anyone without a permit issued by the Secretary of the Interior from taking bald or golden eagles, including their parts, feathers, nests, or eggs

[Marine Mammal Protection Act](https://www.fws.gov/law/marine-mammal-protection-act) - opens in new window or tab
Generally prohibits the taking of marine mammals, including harassment, hunting, capturing, collecting, and/or killing, in US waters and by US citizens on the high seas

[Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918](https://www.fws.gov/law/migratory-bird-treaty-act-1918) - opens in new window or tab
Prohibits the taking, killing, capturing, selling, trading, and/or transport of protected migratory bird species without prior authorization by the Department of Interior US Fish and Wildlife Service

For more information on ivory and endangered animals, see the [International Fund for Animal Welfare](http://www.ifaw.org/united-states) - opens in new window or tab (IFAW) website.
US Fish & Wildlife Service
There are federal and international laws involving the sale, import, and export of all wildlife. Federal laws require anyone who wants to import wildlife or wildlife products into the US or export these items from the US to first get the necessary license from the

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(USFWS). Importers/exporters need to apply for the license by filling out the Declaration for Importation or Exportation of Fish or Wildlife (Form 3-177). All wildlife and wildlife products must be declared to the USFWS for inspection before import or export, and have to be processed only through designated USFWS ports. If these rules are not met, it may result in criminal prosecution. For more information, eBay members should contact their nearest USFWS port. If you have any questions about [Labeling requirements](#) [Listings for apparel that contains animal products must follow](#)

requirements. Activity on eBay is required to follow this policy, the eBay [User Agreement](https://www.ebay.com/help/policies/member-behavior-policies/user-agreement?id=4259); and all applicable laws, as well as respect the rights of third parties. If it doesn't, eBay may take action consistent with applicable laws and the eBay [User Agreement](https://www.ebay.com/help/policies/member-behavior-policies/user-agreement?id=4259), and may even be legally required to do so. Such actions may include, as an example only: Removing the listing or other content, issuing a warning, restricting activity or account suspension.

If you have a specific issue with your account or a listing, go to [Seller Help](/sellerhelp/policy) - opens in new window or tab; to get the information you need for a resolution.

Why does eBay have this policy?

This policy helps to reflect our commitment to animal welfare and the protection of native, endangered, and threatened species, while ensuring our members follow important government regulations.

Helpful links

- [Coalition to End Wildlife Trafficking Online](https://www.endwildlifetraffickingonline.org/aboutthecoalition) - opens in new window or tab
- [International Fund for Animal Welfare](https://www.ifaw.org/) - opens in new window or tab (IFAW)
- [TRAFFIC](https://www.traffic.org/) - opens in new window or tab
- [United Nations Environment Programme World Conservation Monitoring Centre](https://www.unep-wcmc.org/en) - opens in new window or tab (UNEP-WCMC)
- [World Wildlife Fund](https://www.worldwildlife.org/) - opens in new window or tab (WWF)

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