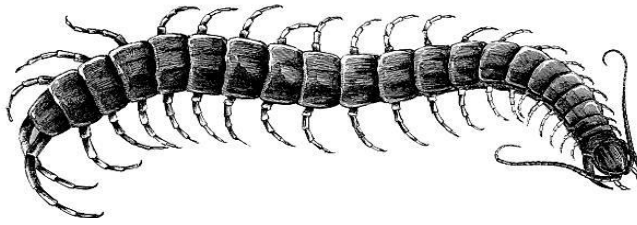


# ARTHROPOD PERMITS



The Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry (FDACS/DPI), is the permitting authority for introduction of arthropods into the State of Florida,

Section 581.083, Florida Statutes and Rule Chapter 58~57. Florida Administrative Code provides specific regulations governing the importation, possession, sale and distribution of arthropods in the state of Florida.

“Arthropod” means any segmented invertebrate animal having jointed appendages and an exoskeleton. Including insects, spiders, ticks, mites, and scorpions, but excluding crustaceans.

Currently the FDACS/DPI requires all importers and / or suppliers of arthropods to obtain a permit, prior to the importation, possession, or distribution of arthropods in Florida. Pet stores that receive arthropods from an importer or supplier which have a valid permit are not required to obtain a permit. Pet store owners should require suppliers of arthropods to furnish them with their permit number and expiration date placing an order (include on invoice). Pet stores that import directly from out of state sources which are not under FDACS/DPI permit must apply for their own permit. -

There is now a \$12.50 per species permit fee good for 3 years & will not exceed \$50!

Permit application & information is available from: (352) 395-4686 or  
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Completed applications should be addressed and mailed to:

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