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Four-Inch Turtle/Tortoise Law

The sale or commercial distribution of viable turtle eggs and small turtles (carapace length less than 4 inches) for use as pets is banned under 21 CFR 1240.62. The ban is based on the Public Health Service Act (section 361, 58 Stat. 703) and therefore applies to both intrastate and interstate sale and distribution.

Exceptions to the ban under 21 CFR 1240.62 permit sales of turtles and turtle eggs for use in bona fide scientific, educational, or exhibition purposes other than as pets and of marine (ocean) turtles. Other exceptions to the ban are the sale of turtles and turtle eggs not in connection with a business (e.g. limited sales between turtle fanciers have been permitted) or that are intended for export.

The ban applies to small turtles (under 4 inch carapace length) because these are the most likely to be held for sale as children’s pets, and the purpose of the ban is to protect children from turtle-born salmonellosis.

**I have read the above information and agree that these animals are being purchased for scientific, educational, or export purposes only.**

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Name & Title (Please Print)

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