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Czech Environmental Inspectorate



12.11.2008 and 20.2.2009 – CEI inspectors checked two consignments in the post office warehouse in Prague and seized 9 specimens of *Cuora galbinifrons*, 1 *Cuora mccordi*, 1 *Mauremys reevesii*, 2 *Mauremys sinensis* and 6 *Cuora galbinifrons* resp. (CITES II/B, III/C). Except for two specimens all the tortoises were alive and were sent to the Czech republic via an ordinary postal service without any CITES permits. Both consignments were posted from Hong Kong, but the name, address and phone number of the exporter was faked. The importer of the first consignment, well known to the CEI from the former case of illegal imports, denied any involvement in the case. Number of illegal imports of live animals via postal service is growing, we recommend paying attention to such shipments.

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