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14.5. 2008 – CEI inspectors seized 997 Black Spiny-tailed Lizards *Uromastyx acanthinura* and 22 tortoises *Testudo graeca*. The specimen were illegally imported to Czech republic from Morocco by car, inspectors and customs caught the car inside CR (in city Lomnice nad Popelkou). Animals were smuggled in very bad conditions - in cotton sacks, in big amount and layers, without air. There were found other non-CITES animals too – lizards *Lacerta lepida*, *Eumeces schneideri*, *Agama*, snakes *Malpolon*, *Coluber*, geckos *Tarentola* and scorpions, sand from Sahara desert, cork bark etc. The smuggler has been known to CEI from former case of illegal import of succulent plants from Morocco too (at that time he was penalised by CEI). Recent case has been handed over to police and is under prosecution.

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