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4.4.2008 – Customs officers and CEI inspectors seized a consignment of 30 chameleons (CITES II/B) which had been shipped by DHL Express cargo from the Republic of Cameroon to Czech Republic. The shipment was declared as 20 specimen of dead and dried beetles belonging to the genus *Goliathus*, but it smelled very strongly and disgustingly. After opening the parcel CEI inspector found 28 dead and 2 lives specimen of chameleons. They were identified as *Chamaeleo montium*, species from Cameroon rain mountain forests. There were crowded conditions and minimal access to air in the shipment; so only two individuals were able to survive. The date of sending from Cameroon was 31st of March 2008.

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