

## Regulation relevant to alien species - Latvia (LV)

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| Name of Act (area)  | <b>Law on Protection of Species and Habitats</b>   |
| Number of act   | Law of Latvia Republic 16.03.2000  |
| Special section(s) relevant to IAS  | Chapter IV, Introduction and re-introduction of population of species.<br>Article 18. Regulations of the introduction of species.  |
| Content of regulations - mode of operation                                  | The law prohibits release and intentional introduction of species alien to Latvia. Exceptions such as if the introduction is needed to satisfy importunate economic or social needs is permitted only if a complex environmental assessment is carried out and a permit by the responsible institutions is issued. In a case if a species is introduced, the initiator of the introduction must carry out a monitoring of the introduced populations and their ecological effect and the results must be regularly submitted to the responsible institution. |
| Link to national version (natl language) or a file (word or pdf)            | <a href="http://www.likumi.lv/doc.php?id=3941">http://www.likumi.lv/doc.php?id=3941</a>  |
| If available in English – link to UK version:                               | The Law on the Conservation of Species and Biotopes is available here:<br><br><a href="http://faolex.fao.org/cgi-bin/faolex.exe?rec_id=057707&amp;database=faolex&amp;search_type=link&amp;table=result&amp;lang=eng&amp;format_name=@ERALL">http://faolex.fao.org/cgi-bin/faolex.exe?rec_id=057707&amp;database=faolex&amp;search_type=link&amp;table=result&amp;lang=eng&amp;format_name=@ERALL</a>  |
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| Name of Act (area)  | <b>On Issuance of Permits for Taking from Wild Non-game Species, Introduction of Wild Species that are Alien to Latvia (Introduction) as well as for Restoration of Previously Extinct Population of Species (Re-introduction)</b>   |
| Number of act   | Regulation by the Cabinet of Ministers No. 1165 (21.12.2010.)  |
| Special section(s) relevant to IAS  | Chapters 1, 2, 10, 11, 16, 17, 20.   |
| Content of regulations - mode of operation.<br>Use short descriptive prose. | These regulations of the Cabinet of Ministers establish the order of introduction of wild species that are alien to Latvia (introduction) as well as for restoration of previously extinct   |

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|  | population of species (re-introduction) and issuance of permits of taking from wild non-game species.   |
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| If available in English – link to UK version:                    |   |
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| Name of Act (area)   | <b>Plant Protection Law</b>   |
| Number of act  | Law of the Latvian Republic (17.12.1998.), sections relevant to invasive alien species were added by amendments in the law in 01.01.2013.   |
| Special section(s) relevant to IAS                               | <p><b>Chapter 1</b> – definition of invasive plant species.</p> <p><b>Chapter 1, Article 4</b> – defines the responsibility of governmental institutions which carry out the monitoring of invasive alien plant species in agricultural lands, establish and run a data base and carry out the control of the management of invasive plant species.</p> <p><b>Chapter 2, Article 17</b> – defines the responsibility of the governmental institutions. The regulations on invasive plant species are issued by the Cabinet of Ministers.</p> <p><b>Chapter 4, Article 18, 19</b> – defines the order how to gather information on the distribution of invasive alien plant species, how to control, how to monitor them. Cultivation and introduction of invasive alien plant species is prohibited, and the owner of the invaded area must report data on the invaded areas to the responsible governmental institution.</p> |
| Content of regulations - mode of operation.                      | The law provides a definition of invasive alien plant species, defines the general order of the system how to gather information on invasive alien plant species, invaded areas, how to control and monitor invasive alien plant species, the responsibilities and basis of the control system.   |
| Link to national version (natl language) or a file (word or pdf) | <a href="http://likumi.lv/doc.php?id=51662">http://likumi.lv/doc.php?id=51662</a>   |

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| If available in English – link to UK version:                    | The Plant Protection Law is available here:<br><a href="http://www.vaad.gov.lv/english/about-us/plant-quarantine.aspx">http://www.vaad.gov.lv/english/about-us/plant-quarantine.aspx</a>   |
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| Name of Act (area)   | <b>Regulations Regarding Restriction of the Distribution of Invasive Alien Plant Species</b>   |
| Number of act  | Regulation by the Cabinet of Minister No. 467 (30.06.2008.)  |
| Special section(s) relevant to IAS                               |  |
| Content of regulations - mode of operation.                      | The regulation defines the order of monitoring, surveillance, control and providing information on invasive alien plant species as well as the order how a species can be included in the list of invasive alien plant species and how it can be used for scientific purposes. |
| Link to national version (natl language) or a file (word or pdf) | <a href="http://www.likumi.lv/doc.php?id=177513">http://www.likumi.lv/doc.php?id=177513</a>  |
| If available in English – link to UK version:                    | The Regulations Regarding Restriction of the Distribution of Invasive Alien Plant Species is available here:<br><a href="http://www.vaad.gov.lv/english/about-us/plant-quarantine.aspx">http://www.vaad.gov.lv/english/about-us/plant-quarantine.aspx</a>                      |
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| Name of Act (area)   | <b>List of invasive plant species</b>  |
| Number of act  | Regulation by the Cabinet of Ministers No. 468 (30.06.2008.)   |
| Special section(s) relevant to IAS                               | Defines the list of invasive plant species.  |
| Content of regulations - mode of operation.                      | The regulation states the list of invasive plant species. By 2010, only one species – <i>Heracleum sosnowskyi</i> is being included in this list.  |
| Link to national version (natl language) or a file (word or pdf) | <a href="http://www.likumi.lv/doc.php?id=177511&amp;from=off">http://www.likumi.lv/doc.php?id=177511&amp;from=off</a>  |

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| Name of Act (area)   | <b>Regulations Regarding Restricting the Spread of the Invasive Plant Species – <i>Heracleum sosnowskyi</i> Manden</b>  |
| Number of act  | Regulation by the Cabinet of Ministers No. 559 (09.08.2008.)  |
| Special section(s) relevant to IAS                               | The regulation is dedicated to the particular species and its control only.   |
| Content of regulations - mode of operation.                      | The regulation states the order of the control of <i>Heracleum sosnowskyi</i> . The regulation includes the measures needed for eradication of the species including methods and work safety instructions.  |
| Link to national version (natl language) or a file (word or pdf) | <a href="http://www.likumi.lv/doc.php?id=179511&amp;from=off">http://www.likumi.lv/doc.php?id=179511&amp;from=off</a>   |
| If available in English – link to UK version:                    | <a href="http://www.allforhunt.com/en/laws/view/general-regulations-on-protection-and-use-of-specially-protected-nature-territories">http://www.allforhunt.com/en/laws/view/general-regulations-on-protection-and-use-of-specially-protected-nature-territories</a>   |
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| Name of Act (area)   | <b>General Regulations on Protection and Use of Specially Protected Nature Territories</b>  |
| Number of act  | Cabinet Regulation No. 264 (16.03.2010.)  |
| Special section(s) relevant to IAS                               | <b>Chapter 1, Article 4.3.</b> – in protected nature territories it is prohibited to introduce alien species for forest regeneration and cultivation (with the exception of protected dendrological plants)   |
| Content of regulations - mode of operation.                      | The regulation prescribes the procedures for protection and use of specially protected nature territories, including types of permissible and prohibited activities in protected territories, as well as the sample of a special informative sign used for marking of protected territories on site and the procedures for the development and use thereof. |
| Link to national version (natl language) or                      | <a href="http://www.likumi.lv/doc.php?id=207283">http://www.likumi.lv/doc.php?id=207283</a>   |

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| Name of Act (area)   | <b>Administrative Violations code</b>  |
| Number of act  | Law of the Latvian Republic (01.07.1985.), latest amendments added in the law in 01.01.2015.   |
| Special section(s) relevant to IAS                               | Ch. 7, sec. 51   |
| Content of regulations - mode of operation.                      | <p><b>Ch. 7, sec. 51</b> - In the case of the import of plant species included in the list of invasive plant species a fine reaching an amount between LVL 50 and LVL 250 shall be imposed on a natural person, and between LVL 100 and LVL 500 for a legal person, with or without the confiscation of the imported plant species. In the case of the same violations, which are committed again within a year after the imposition of an administrative sanction a fine reaching an amount between LVL 200 and LVL 500 shall be imposed on a natural person, and between LVL 500 and LVL 1000 for a legal person, with or without the confiscation of the imported plant species.</p> <p>In the case of failure to undertake measures to prevent the spread of invasive plant species a warning shall be issued or a fine reaching an amount between LVL 70 and LVL 250 shall be imposed on a natural person, and between LVL 200 and up to LVL 1000 for a legal person. In the case of the same violations, which are recommitted within a year after the imposition of an administrative sanction a fine reaching an amount between LVL 250 and LVL 500 shall be imposed on a natural person, and between LVL 400 and LVL 2000 for a legal person.</p> |
| Link to national version (natl language) or a file (word or pdf) | <a href="http://www.likumi.lv/doc.php?id=89648">http://www.likumi.lv/doc.php?id=89648</a>  |
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| Name of Act (area)  | <b>Methodology for the Risk Assessment of Genetically Modified Organisms</b>   |
| Number of act   | Cabinet Regulation No. 1078, 22 December 2008  |
| Special section(s) relevant to IAS  |  |
| Content of regulations - mode of operation.<br>Use short descriptive prose. | These regulations prescribe the methodology for the risk assessment of genetically modified organisms. The release of the genetically modified organism into the environment shall be evaluated by describing the ability of the inserted genetic material to integrate into other organisms, which could cause harmful effects to human and animal health or the environment. Indeed, genetically modified organisms may be invasive in the environment and outlive the existing species if the viability of the genetically modified organism has been improved, using genetic modification. |
| Link to national version (natl language) or a file (word or pdf)            | <a href="http://likumi.lv/ta/id/185797-genetiski-modificeto-organismu-riska-novertesanas-metodologija">http://likumi.lv/ta/id/185797-genetiski-modificeto-organismu-riska-novertesanas-metodologija</a>  |
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| Name of Act (area)  | <b>Procedures by which State and European Union Support is Granted to Agriculture in the Framework of Direct Support Schemes</b>   |
| Number of act   | Cabinet Regulation No. 139, (12.03.2011)   |
| Special section(s) relevant to IAS  |  |
| Content of regulations - mode of operation.                                 | <b>25.1-25.5</b> - A single area payment may be received for land utilised for agriculture in accordance with the crop codes, if the land has been in good agricultural condition on 30 June 2003 and has no invasive hogweed plant species.   |
| Link to national version (natl language) or a file (word or pdf)            | <a href="http://likumi.lv/ta/id/255820-kartiba-kada-tiek-pieskirts-valsts-un-eiropas-savienibas-atbalsts-lauksaimniecibai-tiesa-atbalsta-shemu-ietvaros">http://likumi.lv/ta/id/255820-kartiba-kada-tiek-pieskirts-valsts-un-eiropas-savienibas-atbalsts-lauksaimniecibai-tiesa-atbalsta-shemu-ietvaros</a>  |

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| Name of Act (area)   | <b>Procedures for ensuring international trade in endangered species of wild animals and plants</b>   |
| Number of act  | Cabinet Regulation No. 133 ( 06.04.1999)  |
| Special section(s) relevant to IAS                               |   |
| Content of regulations - mode of operation.                      |   |
| Link to national version (natl language) or a file (word or pdf) | In order to import or export from the country the CITES-listed animals, plants or products derived from them, it is necessary to obtain a permit issued by the national CITES Management Authority. The permit together with specimen(s) has to be declared (presented) to a customs official in a customs control point. When such a product has already been purchased and the national CITES Management Authority has issued the export permit, the Nature Protection Board of the Ministry of Environment can inform whether such product can be imported into the Republic of Latvia. Following Latvia's accession to the EU, Latvian customs does not control the movement of goods between the EU member states. Thus, prior to the export of endangered species of wild animals and plants to the third country through other EU member states, it is necessary to apply to the Nature Protection Board of the Ministry of Environment in Latvia in order to obtain the CITES export permit which shall be presented to the customs office of the EU member state when completing customs formalities on a border with the third country. |
| If available in English – link to UK version:                    | <a href="http://likumi.lv/doc.php?id=23405">http://likumi.lv/doc.php?id=23405</a>   |

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