

Regulation relevant to alien species - Czech Republic (CZ)

In the Czech Republic, there is a lack of terminologically, legislatively, organizationally and financially comprehensive and coherent approach (as identified in the National Biodiversity strategy). Most of the Czech legislation refers to non-native or harmful species. Their release into the wild is regulated by the Act on the Nature and Landscape Protection No. 114/1992 Coll (which includes both a general protection and a special protection in protected areas, both regulating intentional dispersion of non-indigenous species), Act on Fishery No. 99/2004 Coll. , Act on Hunting No. 449/2001 Coll. and Act on Forestry No. 289/1995 Coll., Water Act No. 254/2001 Coll.

Invasive harmful species as such are listed and regulated under various phytosanitary decrees, complying with EC directives. The State Phytosanitary Administration published 'Brief characteristics of regulated invasive plant species', listing 13 regulated invasive species and recommended methods of eradication. Eradication or use of biomass of *Impatiens glandulifera* and *Heracleum mantegazzianum* are included in decrees related to agricultural subsidies and about 20 invasive species are included for biomass energy generation subsidies. A National Invasive species strategy has not been developed yet. The National Biodiversity Strategy as well as the National programme on Nature and Landscape protection (updated in 2009) set as objectives the full and effective implementation of CBD Article 8 (h), preparation of a black list, unification of procedures and management of invasive species and emphasizes the importance of risk assessment.

Name of Act (area)	Act on Protection of Nature and Landscape No. 114/1992 Coll.
Number of act	
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	<p>§ 5 - an intentional spread of geographically non-native plant or animal species and of plant or animal hybrids into the landscape is possible only with a permit of the nature protection authority. This does not apply for non-native plant species if they are part of an agreed forest management plan.</p> <p>§ 5 - Nature protection authority can decide on eradication of geographically non-native species.</p> <p>§ 16, 26, 29 and 34 - in national parks, protected landscape areas, national natural reserves and natural reserves, it is forbidden to allow or to conduct intentional release of geographically non-native plant and animal species.</p> <p>§ 54 - Who possesses a plant or animal protected according to</p>

	<p>local and international law has to be able to prove the origin.</p> <p>§ 77 - With the exception of protected areas, municipalities with extended powers give permits for the release of geographically non-native plant and animal species and hybrids into the wild.</p> <p>§ 87 - Trade with species, which are forbidden or limited according to international agreements can be penalized by a fine.</p>
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If available in English – link to UK version:	
Name of Act (area)	Act on Forests
Number of act	No. 289/1995 Coll.
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	<p>Regional forestry management plans contain proposed use and exploitation of geographically non-native wood species.</p> <p>§ 32 - forest owners are obliged to prevent the development, spread and infestation of harmful organisms.</p>
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If available in English – link to UK version:	
Name of Act (area)	Act on Fish Farming
Number of act	No. 99/2004 Coll.
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	

Content of regulations - mode of operation.	§ 12 - release into the wild of non-native species of fish and water organisms is governed by a special legal decree.
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Name of Act (area)	Phytosanitary Care Act
Number of act	No. 326/2004 Coll.
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	<p>§ 10 - The State Phytosanitary Administration monitors and researches harmful and invasive harmful organisms specified in the decree, if they represent a risk to plants, plant products grown, produced, stocked, or to the environment.</p> <p>§ 12 - Import of plants, plant products and other regulated articles undergoing compliance checking is allowed through specific points of entry only. Points of entry are ports for shipping, customs departments of border EU Member States for land transportation and selected airports in EU for aerial transportation.</p> <p>§ 24 -A transporter has to ensure that the goods cannot be infected by harmful organisms or spreading harmful organisms during the transportation.</p> <p>§ 71 - TheMinistry of Agriculture ensures together with the Ministry of Environment the coordination of monitoring and protection against spread of invasive harmful organism.</p> <p>§ 11 and § 76 - Emergency phytosanitary measures are called upon if invasive species listed occur or are suspected to occur.</p> <p>§ 76 - Emergency phytosanitary measures are announced on the official board of the Ministry of Agriculture and eventually in the press, radio and TV.</p> <p>The Plant Health Authority notifies the EC and other member states if any of the harmful organisms mentioned in the Annex</p>

	<p>1, A I, Annex 2, A, I appear in the territory of the Czech Republic or if any of the harmful organisms mentioned in the Annex 1,A, II or B appear in any part of the Czech Republic where they have not been observed yet.</p> <p>Plants, plant products and other objects as per the decree have to undergo a detailed phytosanitary verification to ensure they are not infected by harmful organisms before being put on the market. Plants, plant products and other objects that could transmit harmful species have to obtain a phytosanitary passport and have to undergo compliance checking at import, listed in Annex 9. Transfer and import exceptions can be granted for special purposes such as research.</p>
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If available in English – link to UK version:	
Name of Act (area)	Act on Hunting
Number of act	No. 449/2001 Coll.
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	It does not specifically mention IAS, but refers to animals, which do not live in the country yet.
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	<p>§ 4 - Import and export of game (in any development stages) can be done only under an agreement of the state agency for hunting. For import and release of geographically non-native species considered as a game by International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC), a prior agreement by the nature conservation authority and hunting authority is needed and has to comply with veterinary regulations.</p> <p>§ 4 - For release of geographically non-native species considered as game by International Council for Game and Wildlife Conservation (CIC) a prior agreement by the nature conservation authority and hunting authority is needed and must comply with veterinary regulations.</p> <p>§ 7 - An agreement of the state hunting administration and of</p>

	veterinary administration is required to breed game in captivity.
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Name of Act (area)	Water Act
Number of act	No. 254/2001 Coll
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	<p>§ 35 - It is forbidden to release fish and other aquatic animals from non-native and genetically not sufficiently examined populations to water flows and water reservoirs without an agreement of a respective water authority.</p> <p>§ 116 - Natural or legal persons commit a tort by releasing non-native, genetically modified, non suitable and non verified fish or other aquatic organisms populations into water flows or reservoirs.</p>
Link to national version (natl language) or a file (word or pdf)	
If available in English – link to UK version:	
Name of Act (area)	Biomass use for electricity generation
Number of act	Decree No. 477/2012 Coll.
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	Annex 1 - Biomass from species listed in Annex 4 could be used for anaerobic fermentation or thermal exchange. Subventions are in place to support electricity produced from biomass of harmful invasive or expansive species removed from an affected

	<p>site.</p> <p>Annex 4 - List of invasive and expansive species of vascular plants affecting ecosystem functions and potentially causing economic damages.</p>
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Name of Act (area)	Regional forest management plans
Number of act	Decree No. 83/1996 Coll.
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	§ 1 - If a regional forestry management plan contains suggested use/exploitation of non-native wood species this has to be approved by the nature protection authority.
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Name of Act (area)	Measures against introduction and spreading of harmful plant species and plant products
Number of act	Decree No. 215/2008 Coll.
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	<p>§ 7 & Annex 8 - List of 13 invasive harmful plant species which incidence has to be monitored.</p> <p>§ 10, Annex 9 - Entities manipulating risky plants, plants products and other objects listed in Annex 9 need to be registered.</p>

	<p>Annex 1 - List of harmful organisms which importation and introduction in the territory of the EU is forbidden.</p> <p>Annex 2 - List of harmful organisms which importation and introduction is forbidden if they appear on certain plants or plant products.</p> <p>Annex 3 - Plants, plant products which are banned from importation and transfer.</p> <p>Annex 21a - List of plants, plant products and other objects representing a high risk of importation and spread of harmful organisms, and harmful organisms causing a hidden infection on them – ornamental plants and vegetables for growing different than bulbs, root tuber, <i>Graminae</i>, rhizomes, seeds, tuberous, tissue cultures, cut flowers.</p>
Link to national version (natl language) or a file (word or pdf)	
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Name of Act (area)	Contagious diseases of human, animals, plants and pests of useful plants - definition for the Criminal Act
Number of act	Cabinet Decree 453/2009 Coll.
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	<p>Annex 1 - Contagious human diseases for the purposes of the Criminal Act.</p> <p>Annex 2 - Contagious animal diseases for the purposes of the Criminal Act.</p> <p>Annex 3 - Contagious plant diseases and pests of useful plants for the purposes of the Criminal Act.</p>
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Name of Act (area)	Veterinary measures for animals
Number of act	Decree 382/2003 Coll.
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	<p>§ 73 - Other animals can be imported from a non-EU country if they fulfil special veterinary requirements with emphasis on their protection against exotic diseases and comply with requirement for animals for Zoos, circuses and research laboratories. Before being marketed these imported animals should stay in quarantine as per the EU conditions.</p> <p>Inspection fees for veterinary and phytosanitary control on import and transit will be charged on a common basis and they should not exceed real costs of these services.</p>
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Name of Act (area)	Protocol on sanitary and phytosanitary measures with EU
Number of act	No. 200/1998 Coll.
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	Annex 3 - Lists agricultural diseases and pests.
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Non-legally binding texts

Name of Act (area)	National Biodiversity Strategy
Number of act	
Special section(s) relevant to IAS	
Content of regulations - mode of operation.	<p>The strategy comes with several recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A binding list of species whose introduction or spread can be considered a risk in relation to potential impacts on natural ecosystems (a “black list”) should be published. - Educational programmes should be prepared, and the general public should be informed of the risks represented by invasive alien species. Last but not least, non-governmental organizations, self-governing authorities and owners should be involved in certain projects leading to reduction of biological invasions in the country.
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