

CONTAINER REQUIREMENT 41

The illustrations shown in this Container Requirement are examples only. Containers that conform to the principle of the written guidelines for the species but look slightly different will still meet the IATA standards.

Applicable to:

Lizards and Tuataras

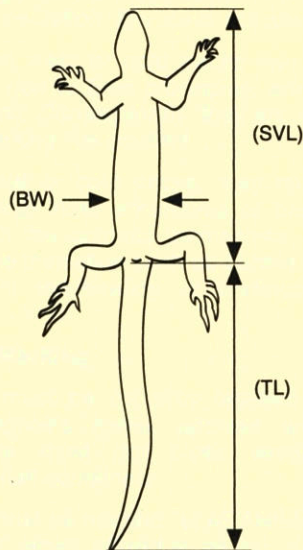
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The following instructions must be complied with in addition to the principles laid down in the General Container Requirements for Reptiles and Amphibians.

Measurement

Lizards (including Chameleons) and tuataras should be measured by snout-to-vent length (SVL), tail length (TL) and in body width (BW).



Specific Requirements

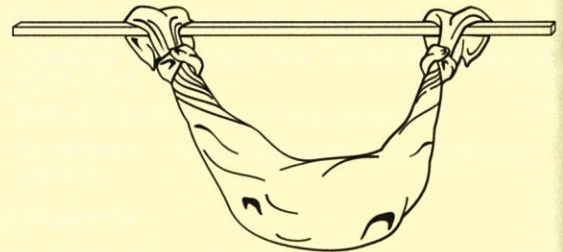
All containers and bags should have some kind of packing material (i.e. crumpled paper). Animals in the same containers or bags should belong to the same size class to avoid damage to smaller individuals.

The maximum number of animals per bag or container must not be increased even when larger bags or containers are used.

Packing Density for Lizards and Tuataras (not including Chameleons and farmed Iguana iguana):

Snouth-vent-length (SVL)	Body-width (BW)	Maximum no. of animals per bag	Minimum bag size
≥ 20 cm (8 in)	≥ 5 cm (2 in)	1	Depending on the size of the animal
≥ 15 < 20 cm (6 < 8 in)	≥ 2.5 < 5 cm (1 < 2 in)	15	45 × 60 cm (18 × 24 in)
		10	30 × 45 cm (12 × 18 in)
≥ 10 < 15 cm (4 < 6 in)	< 2.5 cm (1 in)	30	45 × 60 cm (18 × 24 in)
		20	30 × 45 cm (12 × 18 in)
< 10 cm (4 in)	< 2.5 cm (1 in)	30	30 × 45 cm (12 × 18 in)

If the bag is suspended the bag must be suspended horizontally from opposite ends of the bag the maximum number of animals per bag should be divided by two.



For lizards, rigid containers can be used instead of bags with a maximum of 25 animals, up to 30 cm (12 in) total length. The length of the container should be at least the snout vent length plus half the tail length (TL).

These containers must be rigid and able to support the entire weight of all the other containers when stacked upright and if turned upside down, without failing structurally (without bending, cracking or collapsing). The size of these containers must enable the animals to have contact with their whole ventral surface to the floor of the container.

Arboreal geckos will be provided the use of the surface area of the floor and wall space of rigid containers.

Large Animals

Lizards whose length range from 90–120 cm (36–48 in) SVL require double bags for shipping.

Lizards of 120 cm (48 in) or more in length must follow the same primary enclosure requirements as crocodiles excluding the taping or banding of the mouth.

The direction of the head should be indicated on the outer enclosure.

Lizard species that should be packed singly because they are either aggressive, cannibalistic or delicate:

- Malagasy leaf geckoes (*Uroplates* spp.)
- New Caledonian giant geckoes (*Rhacodactylus* spp.)
- Asian gliding agamid (*Draco* spp.)
- Sail-finned lizard (*Hydrosaurus* spp.)
- Angle-headed dragon (*Gonocephalus* spp.)
- Helmeted basiliscs (*Corytophanes* spp.; *basiliscus* spp.)—(except hatchlings and juveniles)
- Caiman lizard (*Dracaena* spp.)
- Emerald tree monitor lizard (*Varanus prasinus*)
- Black tree monitor lizard (*Varanus beccari*)
- Solomon Island pre-hensile tailed skink (*Corucia zebrata*)

Venomous lizards that must be handled and packed like venomous snakes (see Container Requirement 44), these are:

- Gila monster, beaded lizard (*Heloderma* spp.)

Specific Requirements for Chameleons including African Dwarf Chameleons (*Rhamphoelon*) and Malagasy Dwarf Chameleons (*Brookesia*)

All species with the exception of young and small specimens (see below) must be packed individually.

Chameleons 10 cm (4 in) or greater in SVL need to be packed in adequate space to rest naturally. The enclosure needs to conform to the body shape and size. Specimens should be packed one per inner enclosure. The inner enclosure may be cloth, woven material, or rigid container. Crushed or crumpled paper must fill at least 25% of inner enclosure.

Chameleons of 2.5–10 cm (1–4 in) in SVL must be packed one per inner enclosure. Inner enclosures may be fibrous woven tubes with each open end of tube securely enclosed in a manner that can be resealed, cloth, rigid container, or heavy gauge paper enclosures.

Heavy gauge paper should be defined as a container that is sufficient to hold specimens without escape.

Inner enclosures must be easily opened and closed. If heavy gauge paper enclosures are used as inner enclosures, they must be secured to a frame of support bars in the primary or outer enclosure with tacks or nails with head diameter of at least 0.6 cm (¼ in). No burlap (hessian) bags as inner enclosures are permitted.

Chameleons less than 2.5 cm (1 in) SVL can be packed with a maximum of 10 per 0.5 liter rigid enclosure. At all times, the specimens must be able to have full contact with the container floor. At least 50% of the inner enclosure must be filled with loosely crumpled paper.

Crushed or crumpled paper must be provided to ensure a foothold for the animal.

Since farmed Green Iguanas (*Iguana iguana*) are usually in good condition, free of diseases and used to handling, the use of following special packing density is allowed.

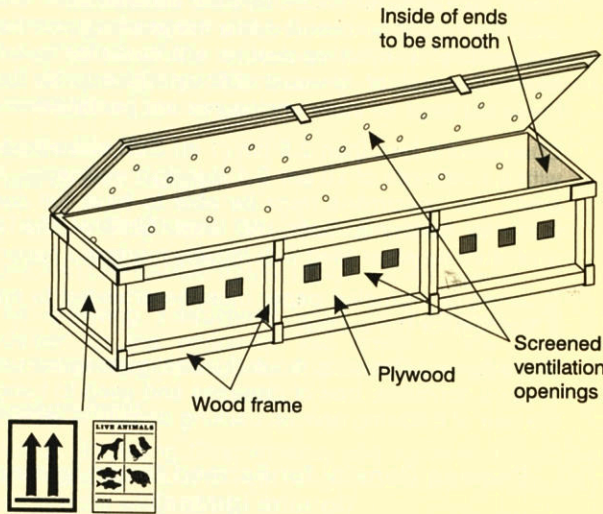
Packing Density for Farmed Green Iguanas (*Iguana iguana*)

Snout-vent-length (SVL)	Maximum no. of animals per bag/box	Minimum box size	Minimum bag size
> 25 cm (10 in)	1	Depending on the size of the animal	—
> 20 cm (8 in)	6	45 × 85 cm (18 × 34 in)	—
> 17.5 cm (7 in)	6	30 × 60 cm (12 × 24 in)	20 × 40 × 9 cm (8 × 16 × 3 3/8)
> 12.5 cm (5 in)	20	30 × 45 cm (12 × 18 in)	20 × 40 × 6.5 cm (8 × 16 × 2 3/8)
> 10 cm (4 in)	30	30 × 45 cm (12 × 18 in)	20 × 40 × 4.5 cm (8 × 16 × 1 ¾)
> 8.75 cm (3.5 in)	40	30 × 45 cm (12 × 18 in)	20 × 40 × 4.5 cm (8 × 16 × 1 ¾)
0-8.75 cm (3.5 in)	50	30 × 45 cm (12 × 18 in)	20 × 40 × 4.5 cm (8 × 16 × 1 ¾)



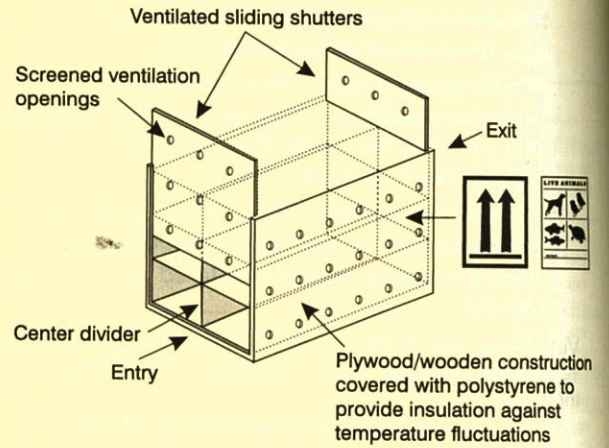
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SINGLE CONTAINER

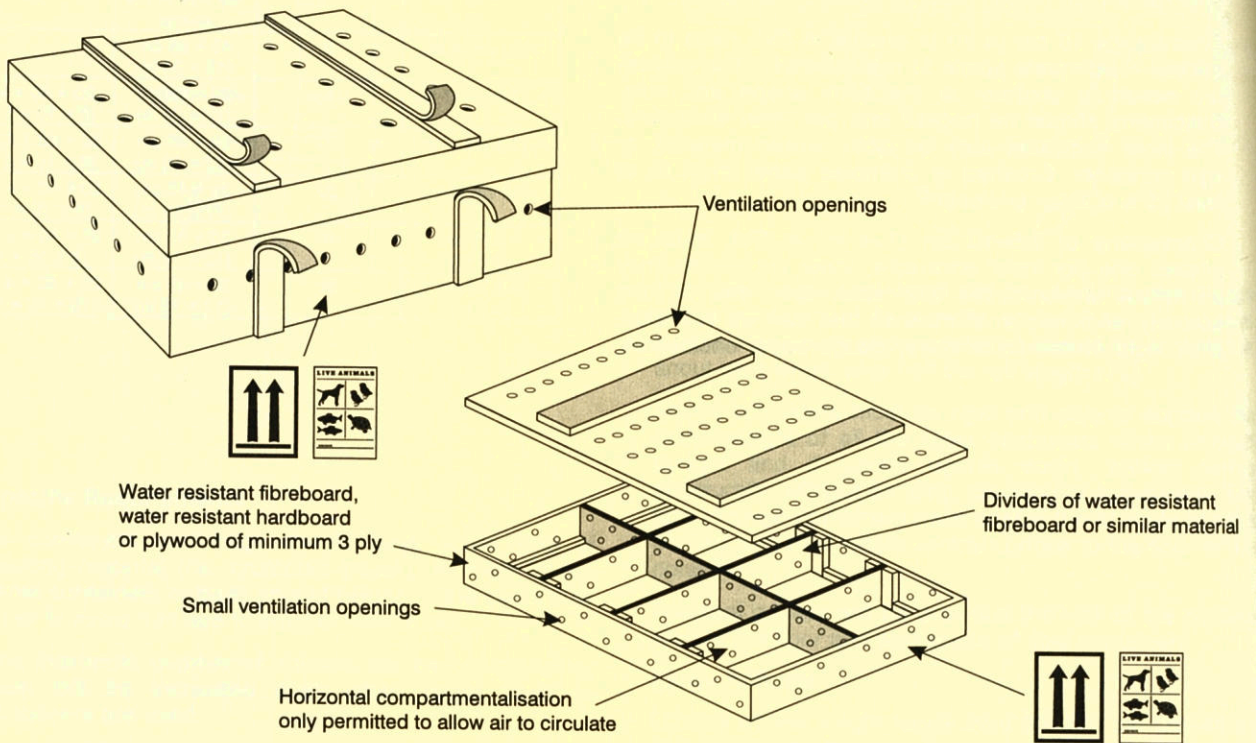


MULTIPLE CONTAINER

(suitable for small or young animals not exceeding 50 cm [20 in] in total length)



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MULTICOMPARTMENT CONTAINER

