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Czech man driving in Prague on 21st September 2006 was stopped by police road patrol because of common vehicle check. This road patrol found 12 Four-toed Tortoises (*Testudo horsfieldi*, CITES II/B) in the car trunk. Tortoises were in a wooden box covered by sleeping-bag. Man declared that tortoises are in the estivation period, when the outer temperature suits them very well. He also declared he had bought these tortoises in the Ukraine and does not have any documents for them. Later on police found next 15 Four-toed Tortoises in his house, almost all of them were in a bad condition. Tortoises were confiscated and this man will be fined.

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