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Singapore has banned wild animals being used in circus shows, citing concerns about public safety and the welfare of animals.

The ban, which was announced on Friday but will not come into effect until January 2002, applies to tigers, lions, elephants and all other wild beasts.

Similar bans have been introduced in countries such as Sweden, Finland and Israel. The Agri-food and Veterinary Authority (AVA) said on Friday that mishaps at travelling circuses were on the rise.

"In some cases, the accidents have resulted in serious injuries and death to both trainers and the public," it said in a statement.

### Public concern

The AVA said there was also increasing public concern over the welfare of animals in circuses.

"Reports of abuse and mistreatment of these animals by circus owners and trainers have become more regular.

"The prolonged periods spent by these wild animals in the cages and containers used to transport and hold them may compromise their welfare," it said.

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The AVA said it was giving a year's notice to minimise disruption to circus schedules, but stricter measures on the keeping of wild animals would be imposed in the meantime.




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Circuses have come under increasing pressure by animal welfare groups, which argue that circuses confine animals to small cages and often subject them to abuse.

In July this year, a coalition of US animal welfare groups filed a suit against a circus, claiming that trainers routinely subjected baby Asian elephants to beatings and other "inhumane" treatment.

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