



NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



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Subject: Availability of Factsheet about Caviar for Airlines and Cruise Lines

Background: All species of sturgeon and paddlefish (Order: *Acipenseriformes*) have been listed under Appendix II of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Fauna and Flora (CITES) since April 1, 1998. CITES Resolution Conf. 13.7 (Rev. CoP14) provides a personal effects exemption from export permits or re-export certificates for a maximum of 125 grams per person. Airlines and cruise line companies have raised questions about how they can comply with these requirements and still provide a quality experience for their passengers.

Action: International airlines and cruise lines planning to provide caviar to their passengers in any form may want to review the new U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service [factsheet](#) titled "Caviar & Passengers: Information for Airlines and Cruise Lines" and refer to this document when appropriate. This guidance is posted under the heading "Factsheets and Brochures" in the "Importers/Exporters" section of the Office of Law Enforcement website (<http://www.fws.gov/le/>).

The information provided in this factsheet represents up-to-date official Service guidance on this subject.

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