



NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



September 6, 2012

Subject: New CITES Appendix-III Listings for Porbeagle and Scalloped Hammerhead

Background: CITES Notification to the Parties No. 2012/044 announces that the countries of Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland have requested the CITES Secretariat to include porbeagle (*Lamna nasus*) in Appendix III.

The CITES Notification also announces that Costa Rica has requested the CITES Secretariat to include scalloped hammerhead (*Sphyrna lewini*) in Appendix III.

CITES Appendix III includes species protected by a country that has requested assistance from other CITES Parties to control and monitor the international trade of the species. Any CITES Party may add a native species to Appendix III unilaterally, provided that the Party has domestic laws to protect the species. In accordance with the provisions of Article XVI, paragraph 2, of the CITES Convention, inclusion of these species in Appendix III shall take effect 90 days after the notification.

In order to export or re-export a specimen of an Appendix-III species, a CITES document must be issued by the exporting or re-exporting country's CITES Management Authority. If the Party that included the species in Appendix III is the country of export, it must issue a CITES export permit.

If a non-listing country wishes to export Appendix-III specimens, it must issue a CITES certificate of origin stating that the specimen originated from its country. In the case of a re-export of an Appendix-III specimen, a CITES re-export certificate issued by the country of re-export is required.

Action: Effective September 25, 2012, imports and exports of *Lamna nasus* and *Sphyrna lewini* will require the appropriate CITES Appendix-III documents. With the CITES listing, these species are no longer exempt from 50 CFR Part 14 requirements and must be declared to and received clearance from the Service prior to release by U.S. Customs and Border Protection upon import or prior to consignment for export. For further information, please see our public bulletin on [CITES Appendix-III requirements](#), and other information on importing and exporting wildlife at: [Information for Importers and Exporters](#).

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