



NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



Date: May 02, 2016

Subject: Validation of CITES documents for products containing both CITES listed plants species and wildlife species

Background: There has been a reoccurring issue with respect to which government agency, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) or the U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) provides inspection, Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) permit validation, and clearance for shipments of products imported and exported that contain both CITES listed plant species and wildlife species, both CITES and non-CITES.

To address these issues, the FWS and APHIS have collaborated to streamline the import and export requirements for both agencies. This agreement is effective immediately and until further notice.

Action: FWS Wildlife Inspectors will validate CITES documents and inspect and clear imports and exports of products that meet the following criteria:

For Import - inspect and clear shipments of products containing both CITES listed non-living plant species and any wildlife species that may be either CITES or non-CITES listed species

For Export - inspect and clear, including validation of CITES documents, shipments of products containing both CITES listed non-living plant species and any wildlife species, both CITES and non-CITES listed species

This guidance only applies to shipments that contain both CITES listed plants and wildlife.

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