



# NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



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## **Subject: Changes to CITES Species Listings**

**Background:** Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) meet approximately every two years for a meeting of the Conference of the Parties. During these meetings, Parties review and vote on amendments to the listings of protected species in CITES Appendix I and Appendix II.

Such amendments become effective 90 days after the last day of the meeting unless Parties agree to delay implementation. The most recent meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP 18) was held in Geneva, Switzerland, August 17 – 28, 2019.

**Action:** Except as noted below, the amendments to CITES Appendices I and II that were adopted at CoP18, will be effective on November 26, 2019. Any specimens of these species imported into, or exported from, the United States **on or after November 26, 2019** will require CITES documentation as specified under the amended listings.

The import, introduction from the sea, export, or re-export of shipments of these species that are accompanied by CITES documents reflecting a pre-November 26 listing status or that lack CITES documents because no listing was previously in effect must be **completed by midnight** (local time at the point of import/export) **on November 25, 2019**.

Importers and exporters can find the official revised CITES Appendices on the CITES website at [www.cites.org](http://www.cites.org).

## **Species Added to Appendix I**

- *Ceratophora* spp. (Horned lizards) except *C. aspera* and *C. stoddartii* included in Appendix II with a zero export quota for wild specimens traded for commercial purposes
- *Cophotis ceylanica* (Pygmy lizard)
- *Cophotis dumbara* (Knuckles pygmy lizard)
- *Gonatodes daudini* (Grenadines clawed gecko)
- *Achillides chikae hermeli* (Mindoro peacock swallowtail butterfly)
- *Parides burchellanus* (Riverside swallowtail butterfly)

## **Species Added to Appendix II**

- *Giraffa camelopardalis* (Giraffe)
- *Syrnaticus reevesi* (Reeve's pheasant)
- *Ceratophora aspera* (Rough-nosed horned lizard) (A zero export quota for wild specimens traded for commercial purposes)
- *Ceratophora stoddartii* (Rhino-horned lizard) (A zero export quota for wild specimens traded for commercial purposes)
- *Lyriocephalus scutatus* (Hump-nosed lizard) (A zero export quota for wild specimens traded for commercial purposes)

- *Goniurosaurus spp.* (Leopard geckos) does not include species native to Japan, the *kuriowae* group
- *Gekko gekko* (Tokay gecko)
- *Paroedura androyensis* (Grandidier's Madagascar ground gecko)
- *Ctenosaura spp.* (Spiny-tailed iguanas) Note: *Ctenosaura bakeri*; *Ctenosaura melanosterna*; *Ctenosaura oedirhina*; and *Ctenosaura palearis* have been in Appendix II since 2010.
- *Pseudocerastes urarachnoides* (Spider-tailed horned viper)
- *Echinotriton chinhaiensis* (Chinhai spiny newt)
- *Echinotriton maxiquadratus* (Mountain spiny newt)
- *Paramesotriton spp.* (Asian warty newts)
- *Tylostrotion spp.* (Crocodile newts)
- *Isurus oxyrinchus* (Shortfin mako shark)
- *Isurus paucus* (Longfin mako shark)
- *Glaucostegus spp.* (Guitarfishes)
- *Rhinidae spp.* (Wedgefishes)
- *Holothuria (Microthele) fuscogilva* (Sea cucumber) – Entry into effect of the inclusion in Appendix II delayed by 12 months, i.e. until 28 August 2020
- *Holothuria (Microthele) nobilis* (Sea cucumber) – Entry into effect of the inclusion in Appendix II delayed by 12 months, i.e. until 28 August 2020
- *Holothuria (Microthele) whitmaei* (Sea cucumber) – Entry into effect of the inclusion in Appendix II delayed by 12 months, i.e. until 28 August 2020
- *Poecilotheria spp.* (Ornamental spiders)
- *Widdringtonia whytei* (Mulanje cedar)
- *Pterocarpus tinctorius* (African padauk, mukula) Annotation #6 Logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets and plywood
- *Cedrela spp.* (Cedars) (populations of neotropics) Annotation #6 Logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets and plywood. Entry into effect of the inclusion in Appendix II delayed by 12 months, i.e. until 28 August 2020

### **Species Transferred from Appendix I to Appendix II**

- *Vicugna vicugna* (Vicuña) Population of the Province of Salta (Argentina) with Annotation #1.
- *Leporillus conditor* (Greater stick-nest rat)
- *Pseudomys fieldi praeconis* (Shark Bay mouse)
- *Xeromys myoides* (False swamprat)
- *Zyzomys pedunculatus* (Central rock rat)
- *Dasyornis broadbenti litoralis* (Lesser rufous bristlebird)
- *Dasyornis longirostris* (Long-billed bristlebird)
- *Crocodylus acutus* (American crocodile) Population of Mexico (A zero export quota for wild specimens traded for commercial purposes)

### **Species Transferred from Appendix II to Appendix I**

- *Aonyx cinereus* (Snail-clawed otter)
- *Lutrogale perspicillata* (Smooth-coated otter)
- *Belearica pavonina* (Black crowned crane)
- *Cuora bourreti* (Bourret's box turtle)
- *Cuora picturata* (Vietnamese box turtle)
- *Mauremys annamensis* (Annam leaf turtle)
- *Geochelone elegans* (Star tortoise)
- *Malacocochersus tornieri* (Pancake tortoise)

### **Amended or New Annotations for Current Species Listings**

- *Saiga tatarica* and *S. borealis* (Saiga antelope) Species remain in Appendix II, amended with the following annotation: A zero export quota for wild specimens traded for commercial purposes.
- *Adansonia grandidieri* (Grandidier's baobab) Amend annotation #16 "Seeds, fruits, oils and living plants" to the listing of *Adansonia grandidieri* in Appendix II by deleting reference to live plants, so as to read: #16 "Seeds, fruits and oils." This change is merely a technical correction since all CITES listings automatically cover living specimens and will not result in any change to the implementation of this listing.
- *Dalbergia* spp., *Guibourtia demeusei*, *Guibourtia pellegriniana*, and *Guibourtia tessmannii* (Rosewoods, Palisanders and Bubingas) Revision to Annotation #15 as follows –

All parts and derivatives, except:

- a) Leaves, flowers, pollen, fruits, and seeds;
- b) Finished products to a maximum weight of wood of the listed species of up to 10 kg per shipment;
- c) Finished musical instruments, finished musical instrument parts and finished musical instrument accessories;
- d) Parts and derivatives of *Dalbergia cochinchinensis*, which are covered by Annotation # 4;
- e) Parts and derivatives of *Dalbergia* spp. originating and exported from Mexico, which are covered by Annotation # 6.

Definitions to be included in the *Interpretation* section of the Appendices

#### Finished musical instruments

A musical instrument (as referenced by the Harmonized System of the World Customs Organization, Chapter 92; musical instruments, parts and accessories of such articles) that is ready to play or needs only the installation of parts to make it playable. This term includes antique instruments (as defined by the Harmonized System codes 97.05 and 97.06; Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques).

#### Finished musical instrument accessories

A musical instrument accessory (as referenced by the Harmonized System of the World Customs Organization, Chapter 92; musical instruments, parts and accessories of such articles) that is separate from the musical instrument, and is specifically designed or shaped to be used explicitly in association with an instrument, and that requires no further modification to be used.

#### Finished musical instrument parts

A part (as referenced by the Harmonized System of the World Customs Organization, Chapter 92; musical instruments, parts and accessories of such articles) of a musical instrument that is ready to install and is specifically designed and shaped to be used explicitly in association with the instrument to make it playable.

#### Shipment

Cargo transported under the terms of a single bill of lading or air waybill or worn, carried or included in personal baggage, irrespective of the quantity or number of containers, packages, or pieces.  
(NOTE: This definition is under review and we are waiting for the final language)

#### 10 kg per shipment

For the term "10 kg per shipment", the 10 kg limit should be interpreted as referring to the weight of the individual portions of each item in the shipment made of wood of the species concerned. In other

words, the 10 kg limit is to be assessed against the weight of the individual portions of wood of *Dalbergia/Guibourtia* species contained in each item of the shipment, rather than against the total weight of the shipment.

- *Pericopsis elata* (African Rosewood, Afrormosia) A new Annotation #17 for *Pericopsis elata* was adopted to expand the scope of CITES regulation to include a new term called ‘transformed wood’ as follows, "Logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets, plywood, and transformed wood".

A definition of the term ‘transformed wood’ to be included in the *Interpretation* section of the Appendices was adopted as follows “Transformed wood is defined by HS code 44.09: Wood (including strips, friezes for parquet flooring, not assembled), continuously shaped (tongued, grooved, v-jointed, beaded or the like) along any edges, ends or faces, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed”.

- *Aloe ferox* (Bitter aloe) was amended to exclude *Aloe ferox* finished products by amending Annotation #4 to add *Aloe ferox* to paragraph f) as follows:

All parts and derivatives, except:

- a) seeds (including seedpods of Orchidaceae), spores and pollen (including pollinia). The exemption does not apply to seeds from Cactaceae spp. exported from Mexico, and to seeds from *Beccariophoenix madagascariensis* and *Dyopsis decaryi* exported from Madagascar;
- b) seedling or tissue cultures obtained in vitro, in solid or liquid media, transported in sterile containers;
- c) cut flowers of artificially propagated plants;
- d) fruits, and parts and derivatives thereof, of naturalized or artificially propagated plants of the genus *Vanilla* (Orchidaceae) and of the family Cactaceae;
- e) stems, flowers, and parts and derivatives thereof, of naturalized or artificially propagated plants of the genera *Opuntia* subgenus *Opuntia* and *Selenicereus* (Cactaceae); and
- f) finished products of *Aloe ferox* and *Euphorbia antisyphilitica* packaged and ready for retail trade.

As noted in the *Interpretation* section of the Appendices, the term ‘packaged and ready for retail trade,’ as used in the CITES Appendices refers to product, shipped singly or in bulk, requiring no further processing, packaged, labelled for final use or the retail trade in a state fit for being sold to or used by the general public.

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