



NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



September 12, 2014

Subject: New CITES Requirements for Certain Sharks and Rays to Enter into Force

Background: At the 16th Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES), several species of sharks and rays were listed in Appendix II of CITES with a delayed implementation date (see our public bulletin dated May 14, 2013). The newly listed species are oceanic whitetip shark (*Carcharhinus longimanus*), scalloped hammerhead shark (*Sphyrna lewini*), great hammerhead shark (*Sphyrna mokarran*), smooth hammerhead shark (*Sphyrna zygaena*), porbeagle shark (*Lamna nasus*), and manta rays (*Manta spp.*).

Action: The delayed effective date of these shark and ray CITES listings is September 14, 2014. Any specimens of these species imported into the United States, including landings from the high seas, or exported from the United States **on or after September 14, 2014** will require valid CITES documentation. Additional guidance on these listings can be found at:
<http://www.fws.gov/international/permits/by-species/sharks-and-rays.html>.

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