



NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



August 19, 2009

Subject: Partial Lifting of Trade Restrictions on CITES-Listed Species from Paraguay

Background: On September 29, 2003, the Service issued a public bulletin notifying the trade that Paraguay had voluntarily suspended trade in all specimens of CITES-listed species until further notice (as announced in CITES Notification No. 20003/058). The CITES Secretariat recently announced that recommendations put forward by the CITES Standing Committee to Paraguay for a phased approach to lift the voluntary trade moratorium were accepted by Paraguay. Paraguay has put the necessary measures in place to implement Phase 1 of the recommendations. Consequently, CITES has announced in Notification No. 2009/036 that the voluntary moratorium is lifted with regard to trade in specimens of Appendix III species and international trade for non-commercial purposes.

Action: Effective immediately, the United States will allow the import of Appendix-III species and non-commercial shipments of any CITES-listed species exported directly from Paraguay. In addition, the Service will also allow the import of Appendix-III species of Paraguayan origin and non-commercial shipments of any CITES-listed species of Paraguayan origin from an intermediary country if the specimens were exported from Paraguay on or after August 10, 2009 or before September 29, 2003. All other CITES-listed species exported from Paraguay remain prohibited for import into the United States, including any such specimens of Paraguayan origin exported from Paraguay on or after September 29, 2003. This bulletin updates and replaces the public bulletin on Paraguay issued September 29, 2003.

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