



NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



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PB 25-006

Subject: Amendments to CITES Appendix III

Background: On October 9, 2025, the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) Secretariat posted a Notification to the Parties ([No. 2025/117](#)) announcing amendments to CITES Appendix III species listings, which will be effective on January 7, 2026.

Action: Beginning January 7, 2026, all shipments into and out of the United States containing the species listed below (including parts and products) must be accompanied by the appropriate CITES document (i.e., CITES export permit, CITES certificate of origin, or CITES re-export certificate). Shipments must also be inspected and cleared by the Service's Office of Law Enforcement at a designated port or a port authorized under a Designated Port Exception Permit.

Port contact information can be found here: <https://www.fws.gov/media/wildlife-trade-fish-and-wildlife-portspdf>

Species Included in Appendix III by the Dominican Republic

- *Anguilla rostrata* (American eel)

For information on CITES Appendix III document requirements see our [Public Bulletin- Permit or Certificate Requirements for Species in CITES Appendix III 04-08-2008](#). For further information on how to obtain U.S. CITES documents, please see the Service's [ePermits](#) website.

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