



NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



January 13, 2023

Subject: Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) CoP19 Amendments to Appendices I and II

Background: The CITES Conference of the Parties (CoP) meets approximately every three years to review and vote on proposed amendments to the species included in CITES Appendix I and Appendix II. The most recent Conference of the Parties (CoP19) was held in Panama City, Panama on November 14 – 25, 2022. Amendments adopted at each CoP become effective 90 days after the last day of the Conference unless the amendment specifically delays the implementation until a different date.

On January 12, 2023, the CITES Secretariat posted a Notification to the Parties ([No. 2023/005](#)) announcing the amendments to CITES Appendices I and II adopted at CoP19.

Action: Except as noted below, the amendments to CITES Appendices I and II adopted at CoP19 will become effective on February 23, 2023. Any specimens of these species imported into, or exported from, the United States **on or after February 23, 2023** will require CITES documentation issued in accordance with the adopted amendment.

The import, export, or re-export of shipments accompanied by CITES documents reflecting the species status before February 23rd, or that lack CITES documents because the species was not previously included in the CITES Appendices, must be **completed by midnight** (local time at the point of import/export) **on February 22, 2023**.

Importers and exporters can find the official CITES Notification on the CITES.org website, under [Notification No. 2023/005](#).

Species Transferred from Appendix I to Appendix II

- *Cerathotherium simum simum* (Southern white rhinoceros) – population of Namibia is included in Appendix II for the exclusive purpose of allowing in international trade in live animals for in-situ conservation only, and only within the natural and historical range of *Cerathotherium simum* in Africa. All other specimens remain in Appendix I.
- *Cynomys mexicanus* (Mexican prairie dog)
- *Branta canadensis leucopareia* (Aleutian Canada goose)
- *Phoebastria albatrus* (Short-tailed albatross) (**NOTE: Listed as Endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA)**)

- *Caiman latirostris* (Broad-snouted caiman) – population of Brazil included in Appendix II subject to a zero annual export quota for wild specimens traded for commercial purposes **(NOTE: Brazil Population Listed as Endangered under the ESA)**
- *Crocodylus porosus* (Saltwater crocodile) – population of Palawan islands, Philippines included in Appendix II subject to a zero annual export quota for wild specimens traded for commercial purposes **(NOTE: Palawan islands Population Listed as Endangered under the ESA)**
- *Chilabothrus inornatus* (Puerto Rican boa) **(NOTE: Listed as Endangered under the ESA)**

Species Transferred from Appendix II to Appendix I

- *Pycnonotus zeylanicus* (Straw-headed bulbul) –Inclusion in Appendix I delayed by 12 months, i.e. until November 25, 2023
- *Batagur kachuga* (Red-crowned roofed turtle)
- *Cuora galbinifrons* (Indochinese box turtle)
- *Nilssonia leithii* (Leith’s softshell turtle)

Species Included in Appendix I

- *Tiliqua adelaidensis* (Adelaide scrub skink)
- *Kinosternon cora* (Cora mud turtle)
- *Kinosternon vogti* (Vallarta mud turtle)

Species Included in Appendix II

- *Copsychus malabaricus* (White-rumped shama)
- *Physignathus cocincinus* (Chinese water dragon)
- *Cyrtodactylus jeyporensis* (Jeypore Indian gecko, Jeypore ground gecko, Patinghe Indian gecko)
- *Tarentola chazaliae* (Helmethead gecko)
- *Phrynosoma spp.* (Horned lizards)
- *Chelus fimbriata* (Matamata) (includes *Chelus orinocensis*)
- *Chelydra serpentina* (Common snapping turtle)
- *Macrochelys temminckii* (Alligator snapping turtle)
- *Graptemys barbouri* (Barbour’s map turtle)
- *Graptemys ernsti* (Escambia map turtle)
- *Graptemys gibbonsi* (Pacagoula map turtle)
- *Graptemys pearlensis* (Pearl river turtle)
- *Graptemys puchra* (Alabama map turtle)
- *Rhinoclemmys spp.* (Neotropical wood turtles)
- *Claudius angustatus* (Narrow-bridge musk turtle)
- *Kinosternon spp.* (Mud turtles) (Except species included in Appendix I)
- *Staurotypus salvinii* (Chiapas giant musk turtle)
- *Staurotypus triporcatus* (Mexican giant musk turtle)
- *Sternotherus spp.* (Musk turtles)
- *Apalone spp.* (Soft-shell turtles) (Except subspecies included in Appendix I)

- *Centrolenidae spp.* (Glass frogs)
- *Agalychnis lemur* (Lemur leaf frog) – With a zero annual export quota for wild-taken specimens traded for commercial purposes
- *Laotriton laoensis* (Laos warty newt) – With a zero annual export quota for wild-taken specimens traded for commercial purposes
- *Carcharhinidae spp.* (Requiem sharks) – Inclusion in Appendix II delayed by 12 months, i.e. until November 25, 2023
- *Sphyrnidae spp.* (Hammerhead sharks)
- *Potamotrygon albimaculata* (Itaituba river stingray)
- *Potamotrygon henlei* (Big-tooth river stingray)
- *Potamotrygon jabuti* (Pearl river stingray)
- *Potamotrygon leopoldi* (White-blotch river stingray)
- *Potamotrygon marquesi*
- *Potamotrygon signata* (Parnaiba river stingray)
- *Potamotrygon wallacei* (Cururu)
- *Rhinobatidae spp.* (Guitarfish)
- *Hypancistrus zebra* (Zebra pleco) – With a zero annual export quota for wild-taken specimens traded for commercial purposes
- *Thelenota spp.* (Redfish sea cucumbers) – Inclusion in Appendix II delayed by 18 months, i.e. until May 25, 2024
- *Handroanthus spp.*, *Roseodendron spp.*, *Tabebuia spp.* (Poui, Trumpet trees) with annotation #17 (logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets, plywood, and transformed wood) – Inclusion in Appendix II delayed by 24 months, i.e. until November 25, 2024
- *Rhodiola spp.* (Roseroot) with annotation #2 (all parts and derivatives except: a) seeds and pollen; and b) finished products packaged and ready for retail trade)
- *Azelia spp.* with annotation #17 (logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets, plywood, and transformed wood) – Only African populations are included in the Appendices
- *Dipteryx spp.* with annotation #17 (logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets, plywood, and transformed wood) – Inclusion in Appendix II delayed by 24 months, i.e. until November 25, 2024
- *Pterocarpus spp.* with annotation #17 (logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets, plywood, and transformed wood) (Except *Pterocarpus santalinus* included in Appendix II with annotation #7) – Only African populations are included in the Appendices
- *Khaya spp.* with annotation #17 (logs, sawn wood, veneer sheets, plywood, and transformed wood) – Only African populations are included in the Appendices

Amendments to Annotations:

- Annotation #1 was amended to read::
All parts and derivatives, except:
 - a) seeds, spores and pollen (including pollinia);
 - b) seedling or tissue cultures obtained *in vitro* transported in sterile containers;
 - c) cut flowers of artificially propagated plants; and
 - d) fruits, and parts and derivatives thereof, of artificially propagated plants in the genus *Vanilla*
- Annotation #4 was amended to read:

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 *Dypsis decaryi* exported from Madagascar;
 - b) seedling or tissue cultures obtained in vitro 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);
 - f) finished products of *Aloe ferox* and *Euphorbia antisiphilitica* packaged and ready for retail trade; and
 - g) finished products derived from artificial propagation packaged and ready for retail trade of cosmetics containing parts and derivatives of *Bletilla striata*, *Cynoches cooperi*, *Gastrodia elata*, *Phalaenopsis amabilis* or *P. lobbii*.
- Annotation #14 was amended to read:
All parts and derivatives, except:
 - a) seeds and pollen;
 - b) seedling or tissue cultures obtained in vitro transported in sterile containers;
 - c) fruits;
 - d) leaves;
 - e) exhausted agarwood powder, including compressed powder in all shapes; and
 - f) finished products packaged and ready for retail trade, this exemption does not apply to wood chips, beads, prayer beads and carvings.
 - Annotation #10 for *Paubrasilia echinata* was amended to read:
All parts, derivatives and finished products, except re-export of finished musical instruments, finished musical instrument accessories and finished musical instrument parts.
 - The parenthetical annotation to Appendix I Orchidaceae was amended to read:
Seedling or tissue cultures obtained in vitro and transported in sterile containers are not subject to the provisions of the Convention only if the specimens meet the definition of ‘artificially propagated’ agreed by the Conference of the Parties.

Amendments to Interpretation Section of the Appendices:

- Paragraph 5 was amended to read:
As none of the species or higher taxa of FLORA included in Appendix I is annotated to the effect that its hybrids shall be treated in accordance with the provisions of Article III of the Convention, this means that artificially propagated hybrids produced from one or more of these species or taxa may be traded with a certificate of artificial propagation, and that seeds and pollen (including pollinia), cut flowers, seedling or tissue cultures obtained in vitro transported in sterile containers of these hybrids are not subject to the provisions of the Convention.

- Paragraph 7 was amended to read:

When a species is included in Appendix I, II or III, the whole, live or dead, animal or plant is always included. In addition, all parts and derivatives thereof are also included in the same Appendix unless, for animal species listed in Appendix III and plant species listed in Appendix II or III, the species is annotated with the symbol # followed by a number to indicate that only specific parts and derivatives are included. The symbol # followed by a number placed against the name of a species or higher taxon included in Appendix II or III refers to a footnote that indicates the parts or derivatives of animals or plants that are designated as 'specimens' subject to the provisions of the Convention in accordance with Article I, paragraph (b), subparagraph (ii) or (iii).

- Definitions in paragraph 8 were amended to read:

Ten (10) kg per shipment

For the term "10 kg per shipment", the 10 kg limit should be interpreted as referring to the weight of wood of each individual annotated species of genus *Dalbergia* or *Guibourtia* present in the items in the shipment. The 10 kg limit is to be assessed only against the individual weights of the portions of wood of each individual annotated species contained in each item of the shipment, and not against the total weight of the shipment. The total weights present of each individual annotated species are considered individually to determine whether a CITES permit or certificate is required for each individual annotated species, and weights of different individual annotated species are not added together for this purpose.

Transformed wood

Defined by Harmonized System code 44.09: Wood (including strips, friezes for parquet flooring, not assembled), continuously shaped (tongued, grooved, rebated, chamfered, V-jointed, beaded, moulded, rounded or the like) along any of its edges, ends or faces, whether or not planed, sanded or end-jointed.

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