



NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



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Subject: Permit or Certificate Requirements for Species in CITES Appendix III

Background: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has recently encountered confusion about permit and certificate requirements for CITES Appendix-III species. We are issuing this public bulletin to assist the trade in identifying and meeting these requirements. Listing countries are shown in parentheses in the official CITES list after the scientific name (<http://www.cites.org/eng/app/appendices.shtml>). Several species are listed by more than one country, but all countries are identified in the parentheses.

Action: Importers and exporters of Appendix-III species should familiarize themselves with the documentation requirements summarized below:

Import of Appendix-III Species Directly from a Listing Country. The import of an Appendix-III species directly from a listing country requires a CITES Appendix-III export permit issued by that country.

Import of Appendix-III Species Directly from a Non-Listing Country. The import of an Appendix-III species directly from a country that did not list the species requires a CITES Certificate of Origin issued by the country of export. This certificate must meet all the CITES document requirements in 50 CFR §§ 23.20-23.27. (See below for requirements for import from a reserving country.)

Import of Appendix-III Species from a Re-Exporting Country. The import of an Appendix-III species from a re-exporting country requires a CITES re-export certificate issued by the re-exporting country. If the species originated from a listing country, the re-export certificate must reference the original CITES export permit. If the species originated in a non-listing country, the re-export certificate must reference the original CITES Certificate of Origin. (See below for requirements for import from a reserving country.)

Import of Appendix-III Species from a Reserving Country. Countries may take a reservation on a CITES Appendix-III listing anytime after the listing is announced or at the time a country joins CITES. If a country takes a reservation on a species and wishes to trade with a CITES Party country, the reserving country is treated as a non-Party country and must issue non-Party documents.

The import of an Appendix-III species directly from a non-listing country that has taken a reservation requires a CITES non-Party export document. The import of an Appendix-III species from a re-exporting country that has taken a reservation requires a CITES non-Party re-export document. The re-export document must reference the original CITES export permit or CITES Certificate of Origin from the country of origin.

All CITES documents must comply with the U.S. CITES requirements found in 50 CFR Part 23. For additional information, please see our fact sheet on CITES document requirements at: [Information for Importers and Exporters](#)

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