



NOTICE TO THE WILDLIFE IMPORT/EXPORT COMMUNITY



Date: April 14, 2023

Subject: Withdrawal of CITES Trade Suspension – All Commercial Trade in CITES species with Mexico

Background: The Endangered Species Act prohibits trade in specimens contrary to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). Article I of the Convention defines “trade” to mean export, re-export, import, and introduction from the sea. Article XIII designates the Secretariat to communicate to the Parties when species in Appendix I and II are being adversely affected in trade or that the provisions of the Convention are not being implemented effectively.

An import permit, export permit, or re-export certificate issued for the species by the country under suspension is considered invalid (see [50 CFR § 23.26 \(c\)\(5\)](#)).

On March 27, 2023, the CITES Secretariat issued CITES Notification No. 2023/037, announcing the trade suspension for all commercial trade with Mexico.

See [Notification to the Parties 2023 \(cites.org\)](#).

On April 13, 2023, the CITES Secretariat issued CITES Notification No. 2023/046, announcing a withdrawal of the trade suspension for all commercial trade with Mexico, effective immediately.

See [Notification to the Parties 2023 \(cites.org\)](#).

The complete list of Parties subject to a recommendation to suspend trade is available on the CITES website under Documents/Trade suspensions (see <http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/ref/suspend.php>).

Action: The CITES trade suspension with Mexico is withdrawn. The United States will resume normal trade operations with Mexico related to CITES species, effective immediately.

Contact:

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
Office of Law Enforcement
703-358-1949; 703-358-2271 (fax)
lawenforcement@fws.gov (e-mail)