

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



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TRANSPORT WORKING GROUP (AGENDA ITEM 15)

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Chair: Andreas Kaufmann (Chair of the TWG)

Parties: Chile, Germany, Qatar, Russian Federation, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, the United Republic of Tanzania and the United States; and

IGOs and NGOs: Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums, Animal Welfare Institute, Born Free USA, Defenders of Wildlife, FACE, Humane Society of the United States, International Environmental Resources, Ornamental Fish International, Pan African Sanctuary Alliance, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, VC International and WAZA.

Mandate

Regarding agenda item 15.1: *Activities of the Transport Working Group and information on cases of high mortality of specimens*:

- Consider AC24 Doc. 15.1 and make recommendations to the Committee as appropriate.

Regarding agenda item 15.2: *National Legislation Project - Analysis of the Parties' legislative provisions and draft legislative guidance*:

- a) Review the document AC24 Doc. 15.2; and
- b) Report to the Committee on the implementation of the Decision 14.59 including, where appropriate, proposals to amend the Resolution on Transport of live specimens.

Recommendations

The Transport Working Group recommends that:

1. The TWG work intersessionally to
 - a) proceed with replacing the CITES *Guidelines for transport and preparation for shipment of wild live animals and plants (1981)* by developing new guidelines for non-air transport of live specimens for consideration and adoption at COP16.
 - b) consult with members of the AC, transport experts and other stakeholders to gather relevant information.

- c) prepare, in consultation with the Chair of the AC and the CITES Secretariat, a discussion document for COP15 on the transport of live specimens which reports on the implementation of Decisions 14.58 and 14.59 and proposes new or revised decisions for adoption.
- d) review and propose, if necessary, revisions to Resolution Conf. 10.21 (Rev. COP14) for consideration and adoption at CoP16.

2. The Secretariat:

- a) Issue a Notification:
 - i) Informing Parties that a process for replacing the current CITES *Guidelines for transport and preparation for shipment of wild live animals and plants (1981)* has started with the aim of submitting new CITES guidelines for non-air transport for consideration at COP16.
 - ii) Inviting Parties to provide to the Chair of the TWG any available legislation, guidelines, codes of conduct, and other information on transport standards related to non-air transport.
 - iii) Inviting Parties to identify experts on non-air transport of CITES listed species and provide this information to the Chair of the TWG.
- b) Further liaise with IATA and investigate ways to make IATA Live Animal and Perishable Cargo Regulations accessible to Parties.
- c) Explore ways to establish enhanced cooperation between CITES and various organizations that deal with transport (OIE/World Animal Health Organization, International Maritime Organization, etc.) through, *inter alia*, a Memorandum of Understanding, or the creation of a liaison group.
- d) Incorporate the transport related guidance found in paragraphs 77–89 of document AC24 Doc. 15.2 into the CITES National Legislation Project.