

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



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Lima (Peru), 3-8 July 2006

Annotations for species in Appendices II and III

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ANNOTATION FOR ORCHIDACEAE SPP. INCLUDED IN APPENDIX II

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Chairman: Wichar Thitiprasert (Regional representative for Asia)

Members: Observers from Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, Malaysia, Mexico, the Netherlands, Republic of Korea, the United States of America, and TRAFFIC.

Mandate

Under document PC16 Doc.17.2

The working group shall consider the proposed, modified wording of the current annotation and will consider options for further simplification. The working group will advise the Plants Committee on the best way to follow up this matter.

Recommendations

1. The WG recommends the following wording to improve the annotation:

Artificially propagated hybrids of the genera *Cymbidium*, *Dendrobium*, *Phalaenopsis* and *Vanda* are not subject to the provisions of the Convention if:

- a) Specimens are readily recognizable as artificially propagated and do not show any signs of having been collected in the wild such as mechanical damage or strong dehydration resulting from collection, irregular growth and heterogeneous size and shape within a taxon and shipment, algae or other epiphyllous organisms adhering to leaves, or damage by insects or other pest; and
- b)
 - i) when shipped in non flowering state, the specimens must be traded in shipments consisting of individual containers (such as cartons, boxes, crates or individual shelves of CC-containers) each containing 20 or more plants of the same hybrid; the plants within each container must exhibit a high degree of uniformity and healthiness; and the shipment must be accompanied by documentation, such as an invoice, which clearly states the number of plants of each hybrid; or
 - ii) when shipped in flowering state, with at least one fully open flower per specimen, no minimum number of specimens per shipment is required but specimens must be

professionally processed for commercial retail sale, i.e. labelled with printed labels or packaged with printed packages indicating the name of the hybrid and the country of final processing, and allowing easy verification.

Plants not clearly qualifying for the exemption must be accompanied by appropriate CITES documents.

2. The WG recommends extending the exemption to four new genera (*Cambria*, *Miltonia*, *Odontoglossum* and *Oncidium*). However, the Working Group believes it is necessary to include discussions with the range States during the Plenary session to obtain their opinions on the proposed genera.