

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

Sixth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Ottawa (Canada), 12 to 24 July 1987

Interpretation and Implementation of the Convention

TRANSPORT OF LIVE SPECIMENS

This document has been prepared by the Secretariat at the request of the Chairman of the Technical Committee.

1. At the second meeting of the Technical Committee (Lausanne, 1986), the Working Group on Transportation of Live Specimens established by TEC presented a progress report (Doc. TEC. 2.4). The Working Group met again during the TEC meeting and prepared a draft resolution contained in document WGR. TEC. 2.5 and draft recommendations to the IATA Live Animals Board contained in document WGR. TEC. 2.6.
2. These two documents were considered by the Technical Committee, which amended them and decided that the first should be submitted for consideration at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, and that the second should be passed to the IATA Live Animals Board as an expression of concern from the CITES Technical Committee.
3. Recommendation e) of the draft resolution has been added at the request of the United States of America as Chairman of the Technical Committee.
4. Attached as Annexes 1 and 2 are the revised versions of these two documents as amended by the Technical Committee.

DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Shipment of Live Animals

NOTING that Resolution Conf. 5.18 directed the Technical Committee to prepare recommendations for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties on any further measures which may be required to improve the conditions in which live specimens are transported;

CONSIDERING that the regulations of the International Air Transport Association (IATA Live Animals Regulations) benefit from wide recognition;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

RECOMMENDS

- a) that applicants for export permits or re-export certificates be notified that, as a condition of issuance, they are required to prepare and ship live specimens in accordance with IATA Live Animals Regulations;
- b) that to assist enforcement officers, CITES export permits or re-export certificates be accompanied by a crating, health and welfare checklist (see attached model) to be signed immediately prior to shipment by a person designated by a CITES Management Authority;
- c) that on arrival at the destined port of entry, the reporting system recommended in Resolution Conf. 4.21 (International Reporting System for Specimens Stressed during Transport) be used;
- d) that where Parties to the Convention have designated ports of exit and entry, the provision of animal holding facilities be made available;
- e) that Parties ensure that airline terminal animal holding facilities and cargo sheds are open at all times for inspection of shipments by enforcement personnel and/or qualified technical observers; and that any documented information be made available to the appropriate authorities and airlines concerned;
- f) that Parties be encouraged to gather information on mortality relating to transport and the underlying causes of such mortality; and
- g) that Resolution Conf. 4.21 recommending an international reporting system for specimens stressed during transport be incorporated as appropriate into the checklist mentioned in paragraph b) in accordance with the requirements of this Resolution.



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PREPARATION OF SHIPMENT CHECK LIST

EXPORT OR RE-EXPORT PERMIT

To be attached to all CITES live specimens permits accompanying shipments. Return completed originals to Management Authority of exporting/re-exporting country at address below.

VALID UNTIL:

SECTION A: For completion by a person designated by Management Authority to inspect shipments being cleared for EXPORT (NOTE 1)

SECTION B: For completion by a person designated by Management Authority to inspect shipments being cleared for IMPORT (NOTE 2)

PLEASE TICK:
YES: NO:

PLEASE TICK: Please give details of 'NO' answers; attach added explanations as necessary
YES: NO:

1. Are all CITES documents required for export trans-shipment & import complete?				
2. Is the shipment accompanied by a veterinary certificate?				
3. Are the numbers and scientific names of the specimens correctly stated in the accompanying CITES documents?				
4. Can specimens be counted and identified without breaking open crates?				
5. Does design and construction of crates comply with IATA Live Animals Regulations? (NOTE 3). In particular, is/are crate(s):				
a) of adequate size (not crowded)				
b) adequately ventilated?				
c) provided with externally refillable water, food and cleaning facilities.				
d) undamaged?				
6. Are all the specimens alive?				
7. Are the specimens apparently free from injury and disease?				

Signature/Stamp of designated person, Port of EXPORT:

Signature/Stamp of designated person, Port of IMPORT:

Date and time:

Date and time:

NOTE 1: Shipment having 'NO' ticks should not be cleared for export and the shipper informed immediately.

NOTE 2: Where answers in Sec. B contradict those of Sec. A, designated persons should inform their Management Authority, and the Management Authority of the exporting country by returning this completed original to:

NOTE 3: Designated persons need familiarity with IATA Live Animals Regulations.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE TECHNICAL COMMITTEE OF THE CONVENTION
ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES OF WILD
FAUNA AND FLORA TO THE IATA LIVE ANIMALS BOARD

- 1) That the IATA Live Animals Regulations require certification that live specimens of wild caught animals presented for shipment have been acclimatised to captivity immediately prior to shipment for a period as specified by those Regulations; the specific acclimatisation period to be determined for particular groups of species or for particular purposes by the Working Group on Transportation of Live Specimens in conjunction with the IATA Live Animals Board, for inclusion in the next edition of the Regulations.
- 2) That advice and container notes, and any other relevant paragraphs, in IATA Live Animals Regulations now stating food and water facilities "may be provided" are amended to read "shall be provided".
- 3) That the following additional provision be inserted in the general conditions of acceptance for carriage, and any other relevant paragraphs:

"Shipment of specimens of pregnant wild animals and young incapable of feeding themselves.

No IATA member airline or participating carrier should accept for shipment specimens of wild animals that are evidently pregnant, or females with young incapable of feeding themselves or such young travelling alone."

- 4) That a list of airports with animal facilities be included in the IATA Live Animals Regulations with the recommendation that airline carriers route live animal consignments via such airports whenever possible.