

PART 1 - CITES QUESTIONS

Note: Part 1 is composed exclusively of the questions included in the CITES Biennial Report format, approved at the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES, October 2004.

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A. General information

Party	Estonia
Period covered in this report:	1 January 2009 to 31 December 2010
Details of agency preparing this report	Ministry of the Environment Narva mnt 7a 15172 Tallinn Estonia
Contributing agencies, organizations or individuals	Estonian Tax and Customs Board Environmental Inspectorate Estonian SA

B. Legislative and regulatory measures

1	Has information on CITES-relevant legislation already been provided under the CITES National Legislation Project? If yes, ignore questions 2, 3 and 4.	Yes (fully) Yes (partly) No No information/unknown
2	<p>If your country has planned, drafted or enacted any CITES-relevant legislation, please provide the following details:</p> <p>1. Regulation No. 38 of the Minister of the Environment of 27 July 2009 "Procedure for Labelling Caviar Containers and Approval of Standard Format for Reports of Holders of Caviar Handling Licences Date: 27.07.2009 (adopted) Brief description of contents: The Regulation is established on the basis of relevant subsection (59¹ (9)) of the Nature Conservation Act. This Regulation establishes the procedure for the labelling of caviar containers and approves the standard format for labels and for the reports of holders of caviar handling licences.</p> <p>2. Amendment of the Regulation No. 63 of the Minister of the Environment of 20 December 2007 "List of animal species specified in Annexes to Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein, the live specimens of which are permitted to be killed" Date: 08.05.2009 (adopted) Brief description of contents: European eel (<i>Anguilla anguilla</i>) was added into this list.</p> <p>3. Amendment of the Regulation No 213 of the Government of the Republic of 10 June 2004 "Customs Offices and Customs Authorities Designated for Import and Export of Endangered Animal Species and Plant Species" Date: 01.10.2010 (adopted) Brief description of contents: Amendment of the list of Customs Offices</p> <p>4. Amendment of the Regulation No 69 "Computation procedure of and compensation rates for environmental damages caused by destroying or damaging of protected natural objects or species or other species of birds and mammals". Date: 26.12.2009 (adopted) Brief description of contents: Amendment of the compensation rates</p> <p>Title and date: _____ Status: _____</p> <p>Brief description of contents: _____</p>	
3	Is enacted legislation available in one of the working languages of the Convention?	Yes (partly) No No information
4	If yes, please attach a copy of the full legislative text or key legislative provisions that were gazetted.	legislation attached provided previously

	not available, will send later					
5	Which of the following issues are addressed by any stricter domestic measures that your country has adopted for CITES-listed species (in accordance with Article XIV of the Convention)? Tick all applicable					
	The conditions for:			The complete prohibition of:		
Issue	Yes	No	No information	Yes	No	No information
Trade						
Taking						
Possession						
Transport						
Other (specify)						
Additional comments						

6	What were the results of any review or assessment of the effectiveness of CITES legislation, with regard to the following items? Tick all applicable					
	Item	Adequate	Partially Inadequate	Inadequate	No information	
	Powers of CITES authorities					
	Clarity of legal obligations					
	Control over CITES trade					
	Consistency with existing policy on wildlife management and use					
	Coverage of law for all types of offences					
	Coverage of law for all types of penalties					
	Implementing regulations					
	Coherence within legislation					
Other (please specify):						
Please provide details if available:						
7	If no review or assessment has taken place, is one planned for the next reporting period?			Yes	No	No information
	Please provide details if available:					
8	Has there been any review of legislation on the following subjects in relation to implementation of the Convention? Tick all applicable					
	Subject	Yes	No	No information		
	Access to or ownership of natural resources					
	Harvesting					
	Transporting of live specimens					
	Handling and housing of live specimens					
	Please provide details if available:					
9	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:					

C. Compliance and enforcement measures

		Yes	No	No information
1	Have any of the following compliance monitoring operations been undertaken?			
	Review of reports and other information provided by traders and producers:			
	Inspections of traders, producers, markets			
	Border controls			
	Other (specify)			
2	Have any administrative measures (e.g., fines, bans, suspensions) been imposed for CITES-related violations?			
3	If Yes, please indicate how many and for what types of violations? 5 misdemeanors (details are included in the attachment: Violations/ confiscations in Estonia 2009-2010)			

4	Have any significant seizures, confiscations and forfeitures of CITES specimens been made?			
5	If information available: Significant seizures/confiscations Total seizures/confiscations If possible, please specify per group of species or attach details on annex.	Number 3 15		
6	Have there been any criminal prosecutions of significant CITES-related violations?			
7	If Yes, how many and for what types of violations? If available, please attach details as Annex.			
8	Have there been any other court actions of CITES-related violations?			
9	If Yes, what were the violations involved and what were the results? Please attach details as Annex.			
10	How were the confiscated specimens generally disposed of? – Return to country of export – Public zoos or botanical gardens – Designated rescue centres – Approved, private facilities – Euthanasia – Other – retained as samples (collection of confiscated goods for training), destruction	Tick if applicable		
	Comments:			
11	Has your country provided to the Secretariat detailed information on significant cases of illegal trade (e.g. through an ECOMESSAGE or other means), or information on convicted illegal traders and persistent offenders?	Yes	No	Not applicable
		No information		
	Comments: Eu-Twix, Environet			
12	Has your country been involved in cooperative enforcement activities with other countries (e.g. exchange of intelligence, technical support, investigative assistance, joint operation, etc.)?	Yes	No	No information
13	If Yes, please give a brief description: Exchange of intelligence. Customs collaborate with police and customs of different countries (e.g. joint operations with neighbouring countries. Also cooperation with international bodies (WCO, Europol etc.) is going on.			
14	Has your country offered any incentives to local communities to assist in the enforcement of CITES legislation, e.g. leading to the arrest and conviction of offenders?	Yes	No	No information
15	If Yes, please describe:			
16	Has there been any review or assessment of CITES-related enforcement?	Yes	No	Not applicable
		No information		
	Comments:			

17	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:
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D. Administrative measures

D1 Management Authority (MA)

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the MA(s) in your country which are not yet reflected in the CITES Directory?	Yes No No information
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here.	
3	If there is more than one MA in your country, has a lead MA been designated?	Yes No No information
4	If Yes, please name that MA and indicate whether it is identified as the lead MA in the CITES Directory.	
5	How many staff work in each MA? 1 person	
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters? If yes, please give estimation: approximately 50 %	Yes No No information
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the MA(s)?	Tick if applicable
	– Administration	
	– Biology	
	– Economics/trade	
	– Law/policy	
	– Other (specify)	
	– No information	
8	Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research activities in relation to CITES species or technical issues (e.g. labelling, tagging, species identification) not covered in D2(8) and D2(9)?	Yes No No information
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved.	
10	Please provide details of any additional measures taken	

D2 Scientific Authority (SA)

1	Have there been any changes in the designation of or contact information for the SA(s) in your country which are not yet reflected in the CITES Directory?	Yes No No information					
2	If Yes, please use the opportunity to provide those changes here.						
3	Has your country designated a Scientific Authority independent from the Management Authority?	Yes No No information					
4	What is the structure of the SA(s) in your country?	Tick if applicable					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Government institution - Academic or research institution - Permanent committee - Pool of individuals with certain expertise - Other (specify) 						
5	How many staff work in each SA on CITES issues? One person works permanently. Scientific Committee consist of 5 persons (work in case of need).						
6	Can you estimate the percentage of time they spend on CITES related matters? If yes, please give estimation	Yes No No information					
7	What are the skills/expertise of staff within the SA(s)?	Tick if applicable					
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Botany - Ecology - Fisheries - Forestry - Welfare - Zoology - Other (specify) - No information 						
8	Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in relation to CITES species?	Yes No No information					
9	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved.						
	Species name	Populations	Distribution	Off take	Legal trade	Illegal trade	Other (specify)
	1						
	2						
	3						
	etc.						
	No information						
10	Have any project proposals for scientific research been submitted to the Secretariat under Resolution Conf. 12.2?	Yes No					

	No information
11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:

D3 Enforcement Authorities

1	To date, has your country advised the Secretariat of any enforcement authorities that have been designated for the receipt of confidential enforcement information related to CITES?	Yes No No information
2	If No, please designate them here (with address, phone, fax and email).	
3	Has your country established a specialized unit responsible for CITES-related enforcement (e.g. within the wildlife department, Customs, the police, public prosecutor's office)?	Yes No Under consideration No information
4	If Yes, please state which is the lead agency for enforcement:	
5	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:	

D4 Communication, information management and exchange

1	To what extent is CITES information in your country computerized? Tick if applicable						
	– Monitoring and reporting of data on legal trade						
	– Monitoring and reporting of data on illegal trade						
	– Permit issuance						
	– Not at all						
– Other (specify)							
2	Do the following authorities have access to the Internet? Tick if applicable						
	Authority	Yes, continuous and unrestricted access	Yes, but only through a dial-up connection	Yes, but only through a different office	Some offices only	Not at all	Please provide details where appropriate
	Management Authority						
	Scientific Authority						
Enforcement Authority							
3	Do you have an electronic information system providing information on CITES species? We use EU Wildlife Trade Reference Database Yes No						

		No information		
4	If Yes, does it provide information on:			Tick if applicable
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Legislation (national, regional or international)? - Conservation status (national, regional, international)? - Other (please specify)? 			
5	Is it available through the Internet:			Yes No Not applicable No information
	Please provide URL:			
6	Do the following authorities have access to the following publications?			Tick if applicable
	Publication	Management Authority	Scientific Authority	Enforcement Authority
	<i>2003 Checklist of CITES Species (book)</i>			
	<i>2003 Checklist of CITES Species and Annotated Appendices (CD-ROM)</i>			
	<i>Identification Manual</i>			
	<i>CITES Handbook</i>			
7	If not, what problems have been encountered to access to the mentioned information?			
8	Have enforcement authorities reported to the Management Authority on:			Tick if applicable
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mortality in transport? - Seizures and confiscations? - Discrepancy in number of items in permit and number of items actually traded? 			
	Comments:			
9	Is there a government website with information on CITES and its requirements?			Yes No No information
	If Yes, please give the URL: http://www.envir.ee/1091391			
10	Have CITES authorities been involved in any of the following activities to bring about better accessibility to and understanding of the Convention's requirements to the wider public?			Tick if applicable
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Press releases/conferences - Newspaper articles, radio/television appearances - Brochures, leaflets 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Presentations - Displays - Information at border crossing points 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Telephone hotline - Other (specify) 			
	Please attach copies of any items as Annex.			

11	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:
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D5 Permitting and registration procedures

1	Have any changes in permit format or the designation and signatures of officials empowered to sign CITES permits/certificates been reported previously to the Secretariat?				Yes No Not applicable No information	
	If no, please provide details of any:					
	Changes in permit format:					
Changes in designation or signatures of relevant officials:						
2	To date, has your country developed written permit procedures for any of the following?			Tick if applicable		
		Yes	No	No information		
	Permit issuance/acceptance					
	Registration of traders					
	Registration of producers	(for caviar)				
3	Please indicate how many CITES documents were issued or denied in the two year period? (Note that actual trade is normally reported in the Annual Report by Parties. This question refers to issued documents).					
	Year 1	Import or introduction from the sea	Export	Re-export	Other	Comments
	How many documents were issued?	40	11	4	14	Other: EU certificates
	How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?					
	Year 2	Import or introduction from the sea	Export	Re-export	Other	Comments
How many documents were issued?	58	17	2	20	Other: EU certificates	
	How many applications were denied because of severe omissions or mis-information?					
4	Were any CITES documents that were issued later cancelled and replaced because of severe omissions or mis-information?				Yes No No information	
5	If Yes, please give the reasons for this.					
6	Please give the reasons for rejection of CITES documents from other countries.			Tick if applicable		
	Reason	Yes	No	No information		
	Technical violations					
	Suspected fraud					
	Insufficient basis for finding of non-detriment					
	Insufficient basis for finding of legal acquisition					
Other (specify)						
7	Are harvest and/or export quotas as a management tool in the procedure for issuance of permits?				Yes No	

		No information
	Comments	
8	How many times has the Scientific Authority been requested to provide opinions?	Frequently
9	Has the Management Authority charged fees for permit issuance, registration or related CITES activities? – Issuance of CITES documents: – Licensing or registration of operations that produce CITES species: – Harvesting of CITES-listed species : – Use of CITES-listed species: – Assignment of quotas for CITES-listed species: – Importing of CITES-listed species: – Other (specify):	Tick if applicable
10	If Yes, please provide the amounts of such fees. A State fee shall be paid for the issue of the official label for the container of caviar (500 labels/320 eur)	
11	Have revenues from fees been used for the implementation of CITES or wildlife conservation? – Entirely: – Partly: – Not at all: – Not relevant: Comments:	Tick if applicable
12	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:	

D6 Capacity building

1	Have any of the following activities been undertaken to enhance effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level?		Tick if applicable
	Increased budget for activities		Improvement of national networks
	Hiring of more staff		Purchase of technical equipment for monitoring/enforcement
	Development of implementation tools		Computerisation
	– Other (specify)		
2	Have the CITES authorities in your country been the <i>recipient</i> of any of the following capacity building activities provided by external sources?		
	Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.	Oral or written advice/guidance	Technical assistance
	Target group	Financial assistance	Training
			Other (specify)
	Staff of Management Authority		What were the external sources?
	Staff of Scientific Authority		

Staff of enforcement authorities						
Traders						
NGOs						
Public						
Other (specify)						

3	<p>Have the CITES authorities in your country been the <i>providers</i> of any of the following capacity building activities?</p>						
	<p>Please tick boxes to indicate which target group and which activity.</p>	<p>Oral or written advice/guidance</p>	<p>Technical assistance</p>	<p>Financial assistance</p>	<p>Training</p>	<p>Other (specify)</p>	<p>Details</p>
	<p>Target group</p>						
	<p>Staff of Management Authority</p> <p>Staff of Scientific Authority</p> <p>Staff of enforcement authorities</p>						<p>Seminars and trainings (CITES implementation) for customs officers and environmental inspectors</p>
	<p>Traders</p> <p>NGOs</p> <p>Public</p>						<p>* Lectures in Academy of Security Sciences (2009 and 2010)</p> <p>* Lectures for schoolchildren (2009 and 2010);</p> <p>* Presentation in Tourest 2009 and 2010 (Travel Trade Fair) in Tallinn (CITES exhibition and presentation of collection of confiscated goods);</p> <p>* CITES exhibition in Enterprise Day (2009, 2010);</p> <p>* Information Day for citizens;</p> <p>* Youth Information Fair "Teeviit" 2009, 2010</p>
	<p>Other parties/International meetings</p> <p>Other (specify)</p>						
4	<p>Please provide details of any additional measures taken</p>						

D7 Collaboration/co-operative initiatives

1	Is there an inter-agency or inter-sectoral committee on CITES?	Yes No No information											
2	If Yes, which agencies are represented and how often does it meet?												
3	If No, please indicated the frequency of meetings or consultancies used by the MA to ensure co-ordination among CITES authorities (e.g. other MAs, SA(s), Customs, police, others):												
	Daily	Weekly	Monthl y	Annually	None	No information	Other (specify)						
	Meetings			1-3									
	Consultations		2-3										
4	At the national level have there been any efforts to collaborate with:				Tick if applicable	Details if available							
	Agencies for development and trade							Collaboration with: *State Agency of Medicines *The Veterinary and Food Board					
	Provincial, state or territorial authorities												
	Local authorities or communities												
	Indigenous peoples												
	Trade or other private sector associations												
	NGOs				Consultations and discussions with different private companies and NGO-s								
	Other (specify)												
5	To date, have any Memoranda of Understanding or other formal arrangements for institutional cooperation related to CITES been agreed between the MA and the following agencies?					Tick if applicable							
	SA												
	Customs												
	Police												
	Other border authorities (specify) between customs and environmental inspectorate												
	Other government agencies												
	Private sector bodies												
	NGOs												
	Other (specify)												
6	Has your country participated in any regional activities related to CITES?												

	Workshops Meetings Other (specify)	
7	Has your country encouraged any non-Party to accede to the Convention?	Yes No No information
8	If Yes, which one(s) and in what way?	
9	Has your country provided technical or financial assistance to another country in relation to CITES?	Yes No No information
10	If Yes, which country(ies) and what kind of assistance was provided?	
11	Has your country provided any data for inclusion in the CITES Identification Manual?	Yes No No information
12	If Yes, please give a brief description.	
13	Has your country taken measures to achieve co-ordination and reduce duplication of activities between the national authorities for CITES and other multilateral environmental agreements (e.g. the biodiversity-related Conventions)?	Yes No No information
14	If Yes, please give a brief description.	
15	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:	

D8 Areas for future work

1	Are any of the following activities needed to enhance effectiveness of CITES implementation at the national level and what is the respective level of priority?			
	Activity	High	Medium	Low
	Increased budget for activities			
	Hiring of more staff			
	Development of implementation tools			
	Improvement of national networks			
	Purchase of new technical equipment for monitoring and enforcement			
	Computerisation			
	Other (specify)			
2	Has your country encountered any difficulties in implementing specific Resolutions or Decisions adopted by the Conference of the Parties?	Yes No No information		
3	If Yes, which one(s) and what is the main difficulty?			
4	Have any constraints to implementation of the Convention arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance?	Yes No No information		

5	If Yes, please describe the constraint and the type of attention or assistance that is required.
6	Has your country identified any measures, procedures or mechanisms within the Convention that would benefit from review and/or simplification? <div style="float: right; text-align: right;"> Yes No No information </div>
7	If Yes, please give a brief description.
8	Please provide details of any additional measures taken:

E. General feedback

Please provide any additional comments you would like to make, including comments on this format.

Thank you for completing the form. Please remember to include relevant attachments, referred to in the report. For convenience these are listed again below:

Question	Item	
B4	Copy of full text of CITES-relevant legislation	Enclosed Not available Not relevant
C3	Details of violations and administrative measures imposed	Enclosed Not available Not relevant
C5	Details of specimens seized, confiscated or forfeited	Enclosed Not available Not relevant
C7	Details of violations and results of prosecutions	Enclosed Not available Not relevant
C9	Details of violations and results of court actions	Enclosed Not available Not relevant
D4 (10)	Details of nationally produced brochures or leaflets on CITES produced for educational or public awareness purposes, Comments	Enclosed Not available Not relevant

ANNEX - PROPOSED BIENNIAL REPORT FORMAT

PART 2 - SUPPLEMENTARY QUESTIONS¹

Note: Questions in Part 2 are additional to those in Part 1, and relate to information on the provisions of the EC Regulations (Regulation (EC) No. 338/97 and Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006) that fall outside the scope of CITES.

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The numbering of this section reflects that in Annex 2, Part 1, with the addition of (b) to distinguish the two. New questions that do not correspond to questions in Annex 2, Part 1 are marked "new". Unless otherwise stated, the legislation referred to below is Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97.

B. Legislative and regulatory measures

1b	If not already provided under questions B (2) and B (4), please provide details of any national legislation that has been updated in this reporting period and attach the full legislative text.						
2b	If your country has planned, drafted or enacted any additional Regulation -relevant legislation, other than that reported under question B (2) or above, please provide the following details:						
	Title and date:			Status:			
	Brief description of contents:						
5b	Has your country adopted any stricter domestic measures, other than those reported under question B(5), specifically for non CITES-listed species ² ?						
	Tick all applicable categories below that these categories apply to.						
		The conditions for:			The complete prohibition of:		
	Issue	Yes	No	No information	Yes	No	No information
	Trade						
	Taking						
	Possession						
	Transport						
	Other (specify)						
	Additional comments						
8b	Has there been any review of legislation on the following subjects in relation to implementation of <i>Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97</i> ?						
		Yes	No	No information			
	Introduction of live Regulation-listed species into the Community that would threaten the indigenous fauna and flora (in accordance with Article 3, paragraph 2 (d)).						
	Marking specimens to facilitate identification (in accordance with Article 19, paragraph 1 (iii)).						
	Please provide details if available:						
9b	Please provide the following details about Regulations-related violations:						
	i) Maximum penalties that may be imposed;						
	ii) Or any other additional measures taken in relation to implementation of the Regulation not reported on in question B (9).						
	Sanctions						
	Nature Conservation Law						
	violation of the requirements for use or protection of protected objects - fine up to 1150 EUR or arrest; The same violation, if this is committed by legal person - fine up to 3200 EUR						
	Penal Code						
	* Violation of the requirements for the use or protection of a protected natural object, if significant damage is thereby caused to the protected natural object, is punishable by a pecuniary punishment or up to 5 years' imprisonment.						

² In this questionnaire, "non CITES-listed species" refers to species that are listed in the Regulation Annexes, but not in the CITES Appendices. They include some species in Annexes A and B and all those in Annex D.

The same act, if significant damage is thereby caused to the protected natural object through negligence, is punishable by a pecuniary punishment or up to 3 years' imprisonment or
The same acts, if committed by a legal person, is punishable by a pecuniary punishment

* Violation of the requirements for hunting, catching or other utilisation of wild game, fish or other wild fauna, if significant damage is thereby caused to the environment, or unlawfully organising the hunting or catching of wild game, fish or other wild fauna, is punishable by a pecuniary punishment or up to 3 years' imprisonment.
The same act, if committed by a legal person, is punishable by a pecuniary punishment

* A person who, while carrying goods to be declared across the customs frontier, conceals the goods from the customs control or evades customs control, fails to declare the goods, declares the goods under an incorrect commodity code or using a false description, submits falsified documents, or uses any other fraud, if the object of the act is a large quantity of goods or a punishment for a misdemeanour has been imposed on the offender for the same act, shall be punished by a pecuniary punishment or up to 3 years' imprisonment.

The same act, if committed:

1) by an official taking advantage of his or her official position, or

2) by a group,

is punishable by 1 to 5 years' imprisonment.

A court may, pursuant to the provisions of this Code, apply confiscation of a substance or object which was the direct object of the commission of an offence provided for in this section.

Customs Act

The conveyance of goods which are subject to prohibitions and restrictions without a mandatory document or register entry, from a third country to Estonia or from Estonia to a third country, the carriage of forbidden goods from a third country to Estonia or from Estonia to a third country, or the declaration of such goods for customs-approved treatment or use is punishable by a fine of up to 1150 EUR or by detention.

The same act, if committed by a legal person, is punishable by a fine of up to 3200 EUR

Animal Protection Act

Violation of the requirements for the keeping of animals is punishable by a fine of up to 200 fine units (770 EUR)

The same act, if committed by a legal person, is punishable by a fine of up to 3200 EUR

Commission of a prohibited act with respect to an animal is punishable by a fine of up to 200 fine units (770 EUR)

The same act, if committed by a legal person, is punishable by a fine of up to 3200 EUR

Violation of the requirements for the transport of animals is punishable by a fine of up to 200 fine units (770 EUR).

The same act, if committed by a legal person, is punishable by a fine of up to 3200 EUR

The conduct of an animal experiment without a permit or violation of the requirements for the conduct of animal experiments is punishable by a fine of up to 200 fine units (770 EUR).

The same act, if committed by a legal person, is punishable by a fine of up to 3200 EUR

Regulation of the Government 08.04.2005 No 69 Computation procedure of and compensation rates for environmental damages caused by destroying or damaging of protected natural objects or species or other species of birds and mammals.

In the case of infringement of rules established under EC Reg. No. 338/97 for transactions and operations with specimens of species listed in Annexes A-D of the same Regulation, compensation for environmental damages will be up to 65 000 EUR, depending on the level of threatenedness and on the market value of the specimen concerned.

C. Compliance and enforcement measures

2b	Have any actions, in addition to those reported in C (2-9) above, been taken for Regulation-related violations?	Yes No No information
9b	Please provide the following details about Regulations-related violations: i) Maximum sanctions which have been imposed over this reporting period; ii) The outcomes of any prosecutions;	447,38 EUR
16b	Has there been any review or assessment of Regulation-related enforcement, in addition to that reported under C (16) above?	Yes No No information
Comments:		
18 new	Have specimens been marked to establish whether they were born and bred in captivity? (In accordance with <i>Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006</i> , Article 66)	Yes No No information
Comments:		
19 new	Have any monitoring activities been undertaken to ensure that the intended accommodation for a live specimen at the place of destination is adequately equipped to conserve and care for it properly? (In accordance with Article 4 paragraph 1 (c) of <i>Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97</i>).	Yes No No information
Comments:		
20 new	Have national action plans for co-ordination of enforcement, with clearly defined objectives and timeframes been adopted, and are they harmonized and reviewed on a regular basis? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIa.)	Yes No No information
Comments:		
21 new	Do enforcement authorities have access to specialized equipment and relevant expertise, and other financial and personnel resources? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIb.) If yes, please provide details.	Yes No No information
Comments:		
22 new	Do penalties take into account inter alia the market value of the specimens and the conservation value of the species involved in the offence, and the costs incurred? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIc.)	Yes No No information
Comments:		

23 new	Are training and/or awareness raising activities being carried out for a) enforcement agencies, b) prosecution services, and c) the judiciary? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph II d.)	Yes No No information
	Comments:	
24 new	Are regular checks on traders and holders such as pet shops, breeders and nurseries being undertaken to ensure in-country enforcement? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph II g.)	Yes No No information
	Comments:	
25 new	Are risk and intelligence assessment being used systematically in order to ensure thorough checks at border-crossing points as well as in-country? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph III h.)	Yes No No information
	Comments:	
26 new	Are facilities available for the temporary care of seized or confiscated live specimens, and are mechanisms in place for their long-term re-homing, where necessary? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph III i.)	Yes No No information
	Comments:	
27 new	Is cooperation taking place with relevant enforcement agencies in other Member States on investigations of offences under Regulation No. (EC) 338/97? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph III e.)	Yes No No information
	Comments:	
28 new	Is assistance being provided to other Member States with the temporary care and long-term re-homing of seized or confiscated live specimens? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph III j.)	Yes No No information
	Comments:	

29 new	Is liaison taking place with CITES MAs and law enforcement agencies in source, transit and consumer countries outside of the Community as well as the CITES Secretariat, ICPO, Interpol and the World Customs Organization to help detect, deter and prevent illegal trade in wildlife through the exchange of information and intelligence? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph IIIk.)	Yes No No information
	Comments:	
30 new	Is advice and support being provided to CITES MAs and law enforcement agencies in source, transit and consumer countries outside of the Community to facilitate legal and sustainable trade through correct application of procedures? (In accordance with <i>Commission Recommendation C (2007) 2551</i> , paragraph III.)	Yes No No information
	Comments:	

D. Administrative measures

D1 Management Authority (MA)

8b	Have the MA(s) undertaken or supported any research activities in relation to non CITES-listed species or technical issues (e.g. species identification) not covered in D2 (8) and D2 (9)?	Yes No No information
11 new	Has the Commission and the CITES Secretariat (if relevant) been informed of the outcomes of any investigations that the Commission has considered it necessary be made? (In accordance with Article 14 paragraph 2 of <i>Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97</i>)?	Yes No No information

D2 Scientific Authority (SA)

8b	Have any research activities been undertaken by the SA(s) in relation to non CITES listed species?						Yes No No information
9b	If Yes, please give the species name and provide details of the kind of research involved.						
	Species name	Populations	Distribution	Off take	Legal trade	Illegal trade	Other (specify)
	1						
	2						
	3						
	etc.						
							No information

11 new	How many Scientific Review Group (SRG) meetings have the SA attended?	5
	Indicate any difficulties that rendered attendance to the SRG difficult:	

D3 Enforcement Authorities

6 new	Has a liaison officer/focal point for CITES been nominated within each relevant enforcement authority in your country?	Yes No Under consideration No information
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D4 Communication, information management and exchange

1b	Is Regulation-related information in your country computerized on?	Tick if applicable
	– Annex D listed species	
	– Other matters not reported on in question D4 (1) (please specify)	
3b	Do you have an electronic information system providing information on Regulation-listed species? We use EU Wildlife Trade Reference Database	Yes No No information

D5 Permitting and registration procedures

9b	Has the Management Authority charged fees for any Regulation-related matters not covered in question D5 (9)? If yes, please provide details of these Regulation-related matters and the amount of any such fees.	Yes No No information
13 new	Can you indicate the percentage of permits/certificates issued that are returned to the MA after endorsement by customs?	Percentage : 70 % No information
14 new	Has a list of places of introduction and export in your country been compiled in accordance with Article 12 of <i>Council Regulation (EC) No. 338/97</i> ? If yes, please attach.	Yes No No information
15 new	Have persons and bodies been registered in accordance with Articles 18 and 19 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006? If yes, please provide details.	Yes No No information
16 new	Have Scientific institutions been registered in accordance with Article 60 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006? If yes, please provide details.	Yes No No information
17 new	Have breeders been approved in accordance with Article 63 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006? If yes, please provide details.	Yes No No information

18 new	Have Caviar (re-)packaging plants been licensed in accordance with Article 66 (7) of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006? If yes, please provide details.	Yes No No information
19 new	Are phytosanitary certificates used in accordance with Article 17 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006? If yes, please provide details.	Yes No No information
20 new	Have cases occurred where export permits and re-export certificates were issued retrospectively in accordance with Article 15 of Commission Regulation (EC) No. 865/2006? If yes, please provide details.	Yes No No information

D8 Areas for future work

2b	Has your country encountered any difficulties in implementing specific suspensions or negative opinions adopted by the European Commission? (In accordance with Article 4 (6)).	Yes No No information
4b	Have any constraints to implementation of the Regulation, not reported under question D8 (4) , arisen in your country requiring attention or assistance?	Yes No No information

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Violations/ confiscations in Estonia 2009-2010							
Date of offence	Species (Scientific name)	No. of specimens	Description	Place of offence	City	Reporting agency	Additional info (modus operandi, type of offence, etc.)
16.02.2009	<i>Acipenseriformes spp.</i>	1 kg	CAV	Border crossing point	Tallinn	Customs	Caviar
02.03.2009	<i>Ursus arctos</i>	80 tubes	MED	Warehouse	Tallinn	Customs	tubes with gel containing the bear's fat
01.04.2009	<i>bengalis bengalensis</i>	832 skins	SKI	Warehouse	Tallinn	Customs	Skins were hidden between clothing
22.03.2009	<i>hirudo medicinalis</i>	25 specimens	LIV	Border crossing point	Narva	Customs	
11.08.2009	<i>hoodia spp</i>	7290 pieces	MED	Post	Tallinn	Customs	Lolly-pops containing the extract of Hoodia
26.04.2010	<i>Ursus Arctos</i>	233 tubes	MED	Border crossing point (road)	Narva	Customs	tubes with gel containing the bear's fat
06.04.2010	<i>Euphoria Cerifera</i> (Candelilla Wax)	24 tubes	MED	Airport	Tallinn	Customs	
28.06.2010	<i>Ursus Arctos</i>	120 tubes	MED	Border crossing point (road)	Narva	Customs	tubes with gel containing the bear's fat
21.10.10	<i>Python spp</i>	1 pair	LPS	Airport	Tallinn	Customs	Ladies boots
22.11.2010	<i>Python Molurus/Naja sp</i>	8 pc	LPS	Airport	Tallinn	Customs	wallets, handbag, belt
08.04.2009	<i>hirudo medicinalis</i>	1 tube	MED	Shop	Tallinn	Environmental Inspectorate	Tube with gel containing the extract of leech
11.09.2010	<i>Aquila chrysaetos</i>	1 specimen	BOD	Private house	Viljandi	Environmental Inspectorate	Stuffed animal
26.10.2010	<i>hirudo medicinalis, Ursus arctos</i>	2 tubes	MED	Market	Lohusuu, Ida-Virumaa	Environmental Inspectorate	Tube with gel containing the extract of leech and tube with gel containing the bear bile
07.06.2010	<i>hirudo medicinalis</i>	1 tube	MED	Market	Pärnu	Environmental Inspectorate	Tube with gel containing the extract of leech
16.03.2010	<i>hirudo medicinalis, Ursus arctos</i>	3 tubes	MED	Market	Pärnu	Environmental Inspectorate	Tube with gel containing the extract of leech, tube with gel containing the bear fat and tube with gel containing the bear bile

Customs Offices and Customs Authorities Designated for Import and Export of Endangered Animal Species and Plant Species

Approved by Regulation No 213 of the Government of the Republic of 10 June 2004

(RT¹ I 2004, 49, 345), entered into force 24.06.2004

Amended by the following Regulations of the Government of the Republic (date of passage, number, *Riigi Teataja* citation and date of entry into force):

14.08.2008 No 128 (RT I 2008, 39, 227) 31.08.2008

23.09.2010 No 139 (RT I 2010, 69, 520) 01.10.2010

The Regulation is established on the basis of subsection 59 (4) of the Nature Conservation Act.

§ 1. Scope of application

The conformity of import into the European Union and export from the European Union of specimens of the species listed in Annexes A–D to Council Regulation 338/97/EC on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein (OJ L 061, 03.03.1997, p. 1) shall be verified in customs offices designated by this Regulation.

§ 2. Designation of customs offices and customs authorities

Name and location of customs office or customs authority	Live animals		Parts and derivatives of animals		Live plants	Derivatives of plants
		Pets (up to 5 specimens)	Those subject to veterinary control	Those not subject to veterinary control		
Luhamaa border checkpoint on Riga-Pskov road	U; E	+	HC, NHC	+	+	+
Muuga border checkpoint at Muuga Harbour		+ (excl. birds)	HC, NHC-T(FR), NHC-NT	+	+	+
Narva-1 border checkpoint at Tallinn-Narva road		+	HC, NHC-NT	+	+	+
Narva railway border checkpoint at Narva Railway Station		+		+		Cereals and timber
Paldiski-2 border		+ (excl.	HC(2), NHC-	+	+	+

checkpoint at Paldiski South Harbour		birds)	NT(2)			
Tallinn-1 border checkpoint at Tallinn Airport		+		+	+	+
Airport and Endla service place (point)				+		

U – ungulates

E – registered equidae

HC – all products intended for human consumption

NHC – other products

NT – no temperature requirements

T(FR) – frozen products

(2) – packed products only

pet – dog, cat, invertebrates (excl. bees and crayfish), tropical ornamental fish, amphibians, reptiles, rodents, all bird species (excl poultry covered by Council Directives 90/539/EEC on animal health conditions governing intra-Community trade in, and imports from third countries of, poultry and hatching eggs (OJ L 303, 31.10.1990, pp 6–28), and 92/65/EEC laying down animal health requirements governing trade in and imports into the Community of animals, semen, ova and embryos not subject to animal health requirements laid down in specific Community rules referred to in Annex A (I) to Directive 90/425/EEC)

[RT I 2010, 69, 520 – entered into force 01.10.2010]

§ 3. Designation of customs authorities

[Invalid – RT I 2010, 69, 520, entered into force 01.10.2010].

¹ RT = *Riigi Teataja* = *the State Gazette*

List of animal species specified in Annexes to Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein, the live specimens of which are permitted to be killed

Regulation No. 63 of the Minister of the Environment of 20 December 2007

This Regulation is established on the basis of subsection 55 (3¹) of the Nature Conservation Act.

Killing of the following live specimens of animal species specified in Annexes to Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein is permitted:

- 1) species of the family of sturgeons and paddlefish (*Acipenseriformes*);
- 2) medicinal leech (*Hirudo medicinalis*);
- 3) european eel (*Anguilla anguilla*).

Procedure for Labelling Caviar Containers and Approval of Standard Format for Reports of Holders of Caviar Handling Licences

Regulation No. 38 of the Minister of the Environment of 27 July 2009

The Regulation is established on the basis of subsection 59¹ (9) of the Nature Conservation Act.

§ 1. Scope of application

This Regulation establishes the procedure for the labelling of caviar containers and approves the standard format for labels and for the reports of holders (hereinafter handler) of caviar handling licences (hereinafter licence).

§ 2. Labelling of containers

(1) The handler of caviar shall provide each primary container (tin, jar or other receptacle) into which caviar is packaged with a label which is non-reusable, taking account of the following conditions:

- 1) a non-reusable label means any label or mark that cannot be removed undamaged or transferred to another container;
- 2) a non-reusable label may be used for sealing the container;
- 3) if the primary container has not been sealed with a non-reusable label, the caviar shall be packaged such that the opening of the container can be visually detected;
- 4) a non-reusable label shall be attached directly to the container or to the label on the container;

(2) The labels affixed to caviar containers shall be issued by the Environmental Board.

§ 3. Information entered on labelling of container

(1) Upon packaging caviar at a processing plant, the label shall include the following information:

- 1) a standard species code as provided in Annex 1;
- 2) the source code of the caviar as provided in Annex 2;
- 3) the ISO two-letter code for the country of origin;
- 4) the year of harvest;
- 5) the official registration code of the processing plant;

6) the lot identification number for the caviar (a number that corresponds to information related to the caviar tracking system used by the processing plant).

(2) A caviar processing plant is a facility in the country of origin responsible for the first packaging of caviar into a primary container.

(3) Upon packaging caviar at a repackaging plant, the label shall include the following information:

1) a standard species code as provided in Annex 1;

2) the source code of the caviar as provided in Annex 2;

3) the ISO two-letter code for the country of origin;

4) the year of repackaging;

5) the official registration code of the repackaging plant, which incorporates the ISO two-letter code of the country of repackaging if different from the country of origin;

6) the lot identification number (a number that corresponds to information related to the caviar tracking system used by the repackaging plant), or CITES export permit or re-export certificate number.

(4) A caviar repackaging plant is a facility responsible for receiving and repackaging caviar into new primary containers.

§ 4. Handler's report

(1) A report is a document which is submitted by the handler each year regarding activities during the previous calendar year and which contains information regarding caviar which has been imported, exported, re-exported, processed on site, stored, marketed or classified as substandard.

(2) A handler shall submit a report to the Environmental Board on the form provided for in Annex 3 by 1 February of the year following the accounting year.

(3) A handler shall preserve documentation regarding caviar which is imported, exported, re-exported, processed on site, stored, marketed or classified as substandard for at least ten years and shall submit these at the request of a competent agency.

Annex 1 to Regulation No. 38 of the Minister of the Environment of 27 July 2009 "Procedure for Labelling Caviar Containers and Approval of Standard Format for Reports of Holders of Caviar Handling Licences"

Standard Species Codes for Sturgeon and Paddlefish Species, Hybrids and Mixed Species

Species	Code
<i>Acipenser baerii</i> : Siberian Sturgeon	BAE
<i>Acipenser baerii baicalensis</i> : Baikal Sturgeon	BAI
<i>Acipenser brevirostrum</i> : Shortnosed Sturgeon	BVI
<i>Acipenser dabryanus</i> : Yangtze Sturgeon (Dabry's sturgeon, Changjiang Sturgeon, River Sturgeon)	DAB
<i>Acipenser fulvescens</i> : Lake Sturgeon (Freshwater Sturgeon, Great Lakes Sturgeon, Red Sturgeon, Rock Sturgeon, Ruddy Sturgeon, Shell-back Sturgeon, Smoothback, Stone Sturgeon, Bony Sturgeon)	FUL
<i>Acipenser gueldenstaedtii</i> : Russian Sturgeon	GUE
<i>Acipenser medirostris</i> : Green Sturgeon	MED
<i>Acipenser mikadoi</i> : Sakhalin Sturgeon	MIK
<i>Acipenser naccarii</i> : Adriatic Sturgeon (Italian Sturgeon)	NAC
<i>Acipenser nudiiventris</i> : Ship Sturgeon	NUD
<i>Acipenser oxyrhynchus</i> : Atlantic Sturgeon	OXY
<i>Acipenser oxyrhynchus desotoi</i> : Gulf Sturgeon	DES
<i>Acipenser persicus</i> : Persian Sturgeon (Fringebarbel Sturgeon, Thorn Sturgeon, Spiny Sturgeon)	PER
<i>Acipenser ruthenus</i> : Sterlet	RUT
<i>Acipenser schrencki</i> : Amur Sturgeon	SCH
<i>Acipenser sinensis</i> : Chinese Sturgeon	SIN
<i>Acipenser stellatus</i> : Stellate Sturgeon (Sevruga, Star Sturgeon, Starry Sturgeon)	STE
<i>Acipenser sturio</i> : Common Sturgeon (Baltic Sturgeon)	STU
<i>Acipenser transmontanus</i> : White Sturgeon	TRA
<i>Huso dauricus</i> : Kaluga Sturgeon	DAU
<i>Huso huso</i> : Giant sturgeon (Beluga, Great Sturgeon)	HUS
<i>Polyodon spathula</i> : American Paddlefish	SPA

<i>Psephurus gladius</i> : Chinese paddlefish (Chinese Swordfish)	GLA
<i>Pseudoscaphirhynchus fedtschenkoi</i> : Syr-Dar Shovelnose	FED
<i>Pseudoscaphirhynchus hermanni</i> : Small Amu-Dar Shovelnose	HER
<i>Pseudoscaphirhynchus kaufmanni</i> : Large Amu-Dar Shovelnose (False Shovelnose Sturgeon, Shovelfish)	KAU
<i>Scaphirhynchus albus</i> : Pallid Sturgeon (White Hackleback, White Shovelnose)	ALB
<i>Scaphirhynchus platyrhynchus</i> : Shovelnose Sturgeon (Switchtail, Sand Sturgeon, Oregon Sturgeon, Sacramento Sturgeon)	PLA
<i>Scaphirhynchus suttkusi</i> : Alabama Sturgeon	SUS
Mixed species (for “pressed” caviar exclusively)	MIX
Hybrid specimens: code for the species of the male x code for the species of the female	YYYxXXX

Annex 2 to Regulation No. 38 of the Minister of the Environment of 27 July 2009 “Procedure for Labelling Caviar Containers and Approval of Standard Format for Reports of Holders of Caviar Handling Licences”

Caviar Source Codes

W - specimens taken from the wild

R - specimens originating from a ranching operation

D - Annex A specimens bred in captivity for commercial purposes in accordance with Chapter XIII of Regulation (EC) No 865/2006.

C - Annex A specimens bred in captivity for non-commercial purposes and Annexes B and C specimens bred in captivity in accordance with Chapter XIII of Regulation (EC) No 865/2006.

F - specimens born in captivity, but for which the criteria of Chapter XIII of Regulation (EC) No 865/2006 are not met.

I - confiscated or seized specimens ¹

O - pre-convention ¹

U - source unknown (must be justified)

¹ To be used only with some other origin code.

Annex 3 to Regulation No. 38 of the Minister of the Environment of 27 July 2009 “Procedure for Labelling Caviar Containers and Approval of Standard Format for Reports of Holders of Caviar Handling Licences”

Standard Format of Report Submitted by Holder of Caviar Handling Licence

Information on holder of handling licence	
Caviar handling licence no	
Business name	
Address	
Place of caviar handling	
Responsible employee	
Telephone	
E-mail	
Registry code	
Primary area of activity	
Secondary areas of activity	
Year of reporting	

Imported caviar	
Quantity	
Source code	
Country of origin	
Labels	

Import permit no	
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Exported caviar	
Quantity	
Source code	
Country of origin	
Country of destination	
Labels	
Export permit no	

Processed caviar	
Quantity	
Source code	
Country of origin	
Other information regarding origin (farm, import licence no)	
Labels	

Marketed caviar	
Quantity	
Source code	
Country of origin	
Other information regarding origin (farm, import permit no)	
Country of destination	
Destination company	
Labels	

Stored caviar

Quantity	
Source code	
Country of origin	
Other information regarding origin (farm, import licence no)	
Labels	

Substandard caviar	
Quantity	
Source code	
Country of origin	
Other information regarding origin (farm, import licence no)	
Labels	
Reason for classification as substandard	