

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

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Transport of live specimens

REVIEW OF RESOLUTION CONF. 10.21 ON TRANSPORT OF LIVE ANIMALS

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Chairman: Peter Linhart (Observer from Austria)

Members: PC Regional representatives of Central and South America and the Caribbean (D. Rivera), PC Regional representative of Asia (Irawati), AC Regional representatives of Europe (K. Rodics), the observers from Canada, China, Czech Republic, the Netherlands, Peru, the United States of America, Russia, Care for the Wild International, International Air Transport Association, Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council, Fundación CETHUS, Humane Society of the United States and Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals

Mandate

1. Initiate the review of Resolution Conf. 10.21 on Transport of live animals in compliance with Decision 13.89 *"in order to "inter alia"*:
 - i) *revise the requirements regarding the collection, submission and analysis of data on mortality and injury or damage to health in transport of live animals, domestic measures directed to Parties, and reporting obligations;*
 - ii) *incorporate references to the transport of live plants; and*
 - iii) *clarify how IATA manuals and regulations can be mechanisms through which up-to-date guidance on the transport of live animals and plants of CITES-listed species can be provided, replacing the CITES Guidelines for transport and preparation for shipment of live wild animals and plants;"*
2. Develop a clear time schedule for the Animals Committee to finalize the revision of Resolution Conf. 10.21 in consultation with the Plants Committee and the Secretariat in time for consideration at CoP14.

Recommendations

1. The Animals and Plants Committees should recommend to CoP14 that Resolution Conf.10.21 be repealed and replaced with the draft revision attached.
2. The Animals and Plants Committees should recommend to CoP14 that the Secretariat be directed to raise funds for a three-day workshop of the Working Group on the Transport of Live Specimens, including members of the Plants Committee and relevant experts, to update, expand and improve the IATA Perishable Cargo Manual for transport of live plant specimens.
3. The Plants Committee should examine the definition of the term "live" as it relates to plant specimens and, if necessary, Resolution Conf. 10.21 should be revised accordingly.

Resolution Conf. 14.XX

Transport of live animals specimens

~~RECALLING Resolution Conf. 9.23, adopted at the ninth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Fort Lauderdale, 1994), relating to the transport of live specimens;~~

RECALLING Resolution Conf.10.21, adopted at the tenth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Harare,1997), related to the transport of live animals;

CONSIDERING that the Convention, in Articles III, IV, ~~and V~~ and VII requires Management Authorities to be satisfied, before granting export permits, or re-export ~~certificates~~ certificates or travelling exhibition certificates, that specimens will be so prepared and shipped as to minimize the risk of injury, damage to health or cruel treatment;

NOTING that the revised version of the Guidelines for Transport and Preparation for Shipment of Live Wild Animals and Plants, adopted at the second meeting of the Conference of the Parties (San José, 1979), has been communicated to all Parties;

MINDFUL of the fact that implementation of these Guidelines depends on action to be taken at the national level, and within international organizations and conferences competent to regulate conditions of carriage;

CONSIDERING that air transport is the preferred method for transporting many live ~~wild~~ animals and plants and that there are special requirements necessitated by air transport;

NOTING the extent to which, in the case of the transport of live animals, the IATA Live Animals Regulations and, in the case of the transport of live plants the IATA Perishable Cargo Manual, correspond to the CITES Guidelines are to be used for transport of live specimens and that the IATA Live Animals Regulations and the IATA Perishable Cargo Manual are amended annually and are therefore more quickly responsive to changing needs;

WHEREAS Article XIV, paragraph 1, permits any Party to adopt stricter domestic measures for the regulation of trade in all species, whether or not listed in the Appendices;

NOTING that, while there have been improvements in the transport of live animals and plants, mortality for certain species has not been reduced significantly, despite continuing efforts by the Parties to improve transport conditions, and that trade related mortality-in-transport undermines the concept of sustainable trade;

MINDFUL that, because of a number of biological and other factors, some species are far more difficult to prepare and ship without risk of injury, damage to health or cruel treatment than others;

RECOGNIZING the important work of the Working Group on the Transport of Live Animals in advising the Parties and providing technical assistance in conjunction with the Secretariat;

RECOGNIZING the need to address the transport of all live specimens;

AGREEING that the effective implementation of Articles III, IV, ~~paragraph 2 (c)~~ V and VII of the Convention necessitates further specific evaluation of ~~the problem~~ transportation issues, analysis of information and recommendations to the Parties for remedial or corrective action;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

DIRECTS the Animals Committee and the Plants Committee to deal with matters related to the transport of live ~~animals~~ specimens;

RECOMMENDS that:

- a) suitable measures be taken by the Parties to promote the full and effective use by Management Authorities of the Guidelines for Transport and Preparation for Shipment of Live Wild Animals and

~~Plants~~ IATA Live Animal Regulations (for animals) and the IATA Perishable Cargo Manual (for plants) for the preparation and transport of live specimens and that they be brought to the attention of exporters, importers, transport companies, carriers, freight forwarders, inspection authorities and international organizations and conferences competent to regulate conditions of carriage by air, land and sea or inland waterways;

- b) Parties invite the above organizations and institutions to comment on and amplify these ~~Guidelines~~ IATA Live Animal Regulations (for animals) and the IATA Perishable Cargo Manual (for plants), so as to promote their effectiveness;
- c) the regular communication of the CITES Secretariat and the Standing Committee with the Live Animals and Perishables Board of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and with the board of directors of the Animals Transportation Association (ATA) be continued and that a relationship with the Animals Transportation Association (ATA) the International Animal Health Organisation (OIE) and the International Plants Protection Convention (IPPC) be developed;
- d) for as long as the CITES Secretariat and the Standing Committee agree, the IATA Live Animals Regulations (for animals), and the IATA Perishable Cargo Manual (for plant), be deemed to meet ~~the CITES Guidelines~~ air transport requirements in respect of air transport;
- e) ~~except where it is inappropriate,~~ the IATA Live Animals Regulations (for animals) and the IATA Perishable Cargo Manual (for plants) should be used as a reference to indicate suitable conditions for carriage by means other than air;
- f) the IATA Live Animals Regulations and the sections of the IATA Perishable Cargo Manual related to the transport of live plant specimens be incorporated into the domestic legislation or policies of the Parties;
- g) applicants for export permits or re-export ~~certificates~~ or travelling exhibition certificates be notified that, as a condition of issuance, they are required to prepare and ship live specimens in accordance with the IATA Live Animals Regulations and the IATA Perishable Cargo Manual; ~~for transport by air and the CITES Guidelines for Transport of Live Specimens for carriage by means other than air;~~
- h) in compliance with national laws and policies ~~to the extent possible,~~ shipments of live animals specimens be examined and necessary action taken to ~~determine~~ insure the well-being of the animals specimens by CITES-designated persons or airline transport company personnel during extended holding periods at transfer points;
- i) in compliance with national laws and policies where Parties to the Convention have designated ports of entry and exit, animal and plants-holding facilities be provided; ~~and~~
- j) in compliance with national laws and policies ~~to extent possible,~~ Parties ensure that animal and plant-holding facilities are open for inspection of shipments, with the concurrence of the transport company, by CITES-designated enforcement personnel or designated observers; and that any documented information be made available to the appropriate authorities and transport companies;
- k) that the name of the Working Group on the transport of Live Animals be changed to the Working Group on the Transport of Live Specimens; and
- l) that the meetings of the Working Group on the Transport of Live Specimens, whenever practicable, occur during the joint meeting of the Animals Committee and the Plants Committee;

~~URGES all Parties that permit imports of live animals: to maintain records of the number of live specimens per shipment and of mortalities in transport of species listed in the Appendices; to note obvious causes of mortality, injury or damage to health; and to provide these data relating to the previous calendar year along with their annual reports;~~

~~DECIDES that non-submission of these data will be noted in a report from the Secretariat to the Standing Committee;~~

~~DIRECTS further the Animals Committee, in consultation with the Secretariat;~~

- ~~a) to establish the format for the presentation of data on mortality and injury or damage to health in transport; and~~
- ~~b) to conduct a systematic review of the scope and causes of the mortality and injury or damage to health of animals during the shipment and transport process and of means of reducing such mortality and injury or damage to health;~~
 - ~~i) the review should include a process for making recommendations to the Parties designed to minimize mortality, on the basis of consultation with exporting, importing, re-exporting and transit countries, IATA and AATA, and additional information from scientists, veterinarians, zoological institutions, trade representatives, carriers, freight forwarders and other experts; and~~
 - ~~ii) these recommendations should be focused on individual species and countries of export, import, re-export or transit where appropriate, particularly those that have significant high mortality rates in transport, and should be designed to provide positive solutions to identified problems;~~

~~DIRECTS the Secretariat:~~

- ~~a) to convey these recommendations to the exporting, importing or re-exporting Parties concerned, IATA and AATA after they have been approved by the Standing Committee; and~~
- ~~b) in consultation with the Animals and Standing Committees, to monitor the implementation of these recommendations and of other aspects of this Resolution and report its findings and recommendations at each meeting of the Conference of the Parties;~~

~~DIRECTS the Animals Committee and the Plants Committee, in consultation with the Secretariat to:~~

- ~~a) participate in meetings of the Live Animals and Perishables Board of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) in order to amplify or update the IATA Live Animal Regulations and the IATA Perishable Cargo Manual;~~
- ~~b) examine new or additional references for transport of live specimens and incorporate them into Resolution Conf. 14.XX, if appropriate;~~
- ~~c) examine developments related to the transport of live plant specimens and incorporate them into Resolution Conf. 14.XX, if appropriate;~~
- ~~d) regularly examine high mortality shipments of live specimens and make recommendations to relevant Parties, exporters, importers and transport companies on how to avoid this in the future;~~

~~ENCOURAGE the Secretariat, Parties and relevant organisations to assist in the distribution and increase public awareness of the IATA Live Animal Regulations and the IATA Perishable Cargo Manual.~~

~~INVITES non-governmental organizations, particularly veterinary, scientific, conservation, welfare and trade organizations with expertise in the shipment, preparation for shipment, transport, care or husbandry of live animals specimens, to provide the necessary financial, technical and other assistance to those Parties in need of and requesting such assistance to ensure the effective implementation of the provisions of the Convention for the transport and preparation for shipment of live animals specimens subject to international trade; and~~

~~NOTES that in order to improve implementation of the IATA Live Animals Regulations and the IATA Perishable Cargo Manual by the Parties there is a need for greatly increased awareness of the Regulations and Manual through more effective methods of training of personnel of airlines transport companies, exporters and enforcement agencies;~~

~~REPEALS Resolution Conf. 9.23 (Fort Lauderdale, 1994) – Transport of Live Specimens.~~

~~REPEALS Resolution Conf. 10.21 (Harare, 1997) – Transport of Live Animals~~