

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



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Transport of live specimens

RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING TRANSPORT OF LIVE ANIMALS TO SUPPLEMENT,  
WHERE NECESSARY, THE *IATA LIVE ANIMALS REGULATIONS*

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

- a) The representative of Europe (Ms Rodics), the representative of Africa (E. Chidziya);
- b) Observers from Parties: Austria (Chair), Czech Republic, the Netherlands, Peru, Russian Federation and the United States of America; and
- c) Observers from intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations: Animal Exhibitors Alliance, Association of Zoos and Aquariums, Born Free USA, Care for the Wild International, International Air Transport Association, Pet Industry Joint Advisory Council, Royal Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and WAZA-World Association of Zoos and Aquariums.

Mandate

**Under document AC22 Doc.15.2**

1. Proceed with the implementation of Decision 13.88 by developing relevant recommendations on the issues raised in paragraphs a) and b) of the Decision.
2. Draft a report on this matter for presentation to AC22 and CoP14.
3. Provide suggestions on how to progress this work beyond CoP14 if advisable or necessary.

Recommendations

1. To avoid potential problems with new, duplicate or overlapping regulations (National, regional, international), the Working Group identified the OIE Guidelines for the Transport of Animals by Sea and the OIE Guidelines for the Transport of Animals by Land published in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code as a useful document to complement the IATA Live Animals Regulations for transport other than air. The Working Group recommends that the IATA Live Animals Regulations and the OIE Guidelines for the Transport of Animals by Sea and the OIE Guidelines for the Transport of Animals by Land published in the Terrestrial Animal Health Code should be used in conjunction with the CITES transport guidelines.

2. The Working Group recommends that the Animals Committee in consultation with the Secretariat:
- a) participate in meetings of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission and participate in the ongoing review of the OIE Guidelines for the Transport of Animals by Sea, the OIE Guidelines for the Transport of Animals by Land and, if appropriate, the OIE Guidelines for the Transport of Animals by Air;
  - b) contact OIE to revise, as agreed in March 2005, the OIE animal welfare Web page to act as a portal providing simple links to relevant organizations and to provide links to more detailed information on animal transport;
  - c) contact OIE to establish an expert group to develop a detailed proposal for the OIE Web site, appropriate linkages and evaluation and feedback mechanisms;
  - d) examine new or additional references for transport of live animals and include the references in Resolution Conf. 14.XX, if appropriate;
  - e) develop a notification for the Parties requesting that the Parties send to the Animals Committee copies of their national legislation for transport of live animals by road, rail or ship; and
  - f) establish a permanent working group under the Animals and the Plants Committees for the transport of live specimens.