

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



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Guidelines for transport of live plants

STANDARD FORM FOR REPORTING NON-COMPLIANCE WITH TRANSPORT GUIDELINES

Guidelines for the transport of live plant specimens were developed by members of the Plants Committee and were adopted by International Air Transport Association (IATA) and incorporated into the IATA Perishable Cargo Manual. The guidelines were designed to provide persons in the plant trade with information that will enhance the survival of plants shipped internationally. At the 13th meeting of the Plants Committee, the United States offered to develop a standardized format for communicating information between management authorities regarding plant shipments that do not comply with the guidelines. The United States submits to the Plants Committee the attached draft for consideration as a standardized format for reporting non-compliance with the guidelines.

REPORT OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH GUIDELINES FOR
TRANSPORTATION OF LIVE PLANT SPECIMENS

TO: THE CITES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY OF _____

FROM: THE CITES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY OF _____

On (date), the CITES plant shipment described below arrived at (port of arrival/airport) in (country of import) and did not comply with the IATA Perishable Commodity Manual, Chapter 15.2 Guidelines for Transportation of Live Plant Specimens.

Name of Carrier: _____ Exporter: _____
Air waybill/Bill of Lading: _____
Date Exported: _____
Date of Arrival: _____
Name of Plants: _____ Importer: _____
Quantity: _____

This CITES plants in this shipment were damaged, found dead, refused or delayed release due to non-compliance with parts of the IATA guidelines (marked with an X):

Shipping Conditions

- Exposed to freezing temperatures
- Exposed to excessive heat, drying, sun, or other environmental conditions
- Slow mode of transport
- Shipper did not notify importer of arrival time/date

Phytosanitary Restrictions

- Import regulations not consulted; plants prohibited by law/regulation
- Soil or other prohibited media
- Plants infested/diseased requiring treatment
- Plants infested/diseased – refused (reexported or destroyed)

Documentation

- Damaged
- Lacked CITES export document
- Lacked phytosanitary certificate
- Lacked required import permit(s)
- No consignor/consignee information
- Plants not labeled with genus/species
- Lacked inventory of contents including genus/species names
- Pesticide on plants not identified
- Pesticide application rate, duration of treatment, not specified

Packaging

- Damaged/Inadequate for shipping
- Inadequate ventilation
- No warning labels on packages (e.g., Live Plants-No Extreme Heat or Cold)
- Packing material prohibited
- Lacked marks/number

- Other (specify below)

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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[Signature]
[Date]