

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



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PREPARATION OF CLARIFICATION AND GUIDANCE ON THE MEANING OF "PACKAGED AND  
READY FOR RETAIL TRADE" AND OTHER TERMS USED IN THE ANNOTATIONS  
(PC19 Doc. 11.1 and PC19 Doc. 11.2)

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Chair: Vice Chair of the Plants Committee

Party observers: Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, Germany, Peru, Poland, Republic of Korea, Spain, Thailand, United States

IGOs and NGOs: SSN, World Conservation Trust, American Herbal Products Association, Fédération des Entreprises de la Beauté\*, Indena, International Fragrance Association

Mandate

Continue to discuss the issue of annotations, as follows:

- a) Review the definitions outlined in Annex 3 to document PC19 Doc. 11.2, in particular that of "Packaged and ready for retail trade", and consider whether they are of sufficient clarity to allow effective implementation of the Convention;
- b) Indicate which definitions could be included in a glossary as they currently stand;
- c) Indicate which definitions may need further revision and amendment, and
- d) Propose definitions for the following terms included in current plant annotations: 'cut flower' (#1 y #4), 'parts of root' (#3), 'pulp' (#13) and 'copra' (#13).

Recommendations

- a) Review the definitions outlined in Annex 3 to document PC19 Doc. 11.2, in particular that of "Packaged and ready for retail trade", and consider whether they are of sufficient clarity to allow effective implementation of the Convention.

After reviewing the 22 terms in Annex 3 to document PC19 Doc. 11.2, the working group agreed on the following five definitions:

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\* *Name corrected by the Secretariat after the meeting.*

### Essential oil

A hydrophobic liquid or semi-liquid that is predominantly clear, and often has a strong odor, which is obtained from raw plant material by methods such as any kind of distillation, or a mechanical process.

### Extract

Products spontaneously exuded from plants, or obtained from plants by cutting or incision, or by treatment with solvents.

### Finished product packaged and ready for retail trade

Products requiring no further processing, packaged, labelled and ready for retail trade, in a state fit for being sold to or used by the general public.

### Powder (and Powdered)

A dry, solid substance in the form of fine or coarse particles.

### Root

The underground organ or part of a plant, including primary and secondary roots, and underground stems such as bulbs, rhizomes, corms, caudices, and tubers.

For the following terms, the working group agreed that there was no need to develop specific definitions, because they do not present problems in the implementation of the annotations:

endosperm, fruit, *in vitro*, naturalized, pollen, pollinia, rhizome, seedling or tissue culture, seed, seedpod, spore, sterile container, and underground part.

The working group recommends that definitions for essential oil and extract be used as working definitions for the purposes of implementing Annotations #11 and #12.

- b) Indicate which definitions could be included in a glossary as they currently stand;

The working group recommends that the five definitions agreed under mandate a) be included in the glossary but notes that clarification is needed from the Secretariat on the legal status of the glossary and the process of including terms in it. Considerations include, determining whether definitions of terms in annotations should be agreed by the Conference of the Parties, whether these definitions should be included in Resolution, and the best process for amending the definitions of terms in annotations.

- c) Indicate which definitions may need further revision and amendment, and

The working group recommends that the working group on Annotations for timber species consider the term 'wood-chips' and provide a definition, if needed.

- d) Propose definitions for the following terms included in current plant annotations: 'cut flower' (#1 and #4), 'parts of root' (#3), 'pulp' (#13) and 'copra' (#13).

The working group concluded that there was no need to define the terms 'cut flower' and 'pulp.' With regard to the term 'copra,' even though the phrasing in Annotation #13 is different in each of the three working languages, the working group agreed that it was understood what commodity was intended to be covered by the listing, and therefore, a definition was not necessary.

The working group recommends that there is further work required on developing a definition of "parts of roots." The United States, in consultation with Canada, will develop a working definition as it relates to Annotation #3.

**Note:** Working group participants  
**Parties:** Mexico (Chair), USA (Rapporteur), Australia, Brazil, Canada, Peru, Poland, Germany, Republic of Korea, Spain, Switzerland, Thailand, United Kingdom  
**IGOs and NGOs:** American Herbal Products Association, Givaudan, International Fragrance Association, INDENA SPA, IWMC World Conservation Trust, Species Survival Network