

CONSIDERING that the Convention, in Articles III, IV, V and VII, requires Management Authorities to be satisfied, before granting export permits, or re-export 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;

FURTHER CONSIDERING that the Convention, in Article VIII, requires Parties to ensure that all living specimens, during any period of transit, holding and shipment, are properly cared for so as to minimize the risk of injury, damage to health or cruel treatment;

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

FURTHER NOTING the extent to which, in the case of the transport of live animals, regardless of the method of transport, the *Live Animals Regulations* of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and, in the case of the transport of live plants, IATA's *Perishable Cargo Regulations*, are to be used for transport of live specimens and that the *Live Animals Regulations* and the *Perishable Cargo Regulations* are amended annually and are therefore more quickly responsive to changing needs;

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

ACKNOWLEDGING that the improper transport of live specimens can increase the risk for injury or mortality, which may negatively impact wild populations resulting in additional take of wild specimens, and that transport-induced stress through non-compliant transport methods may compromise immunity, with implications for infectious disease risk;

FURTHER RECOGNIZING that the non-air transport of live specimens of certain animal species included in the Appendices may require transport conditions additional to or deviating from those found in the IATA *Live Animals Regulations* and IATA *Perishable Cargo Regulations*;

AGREEING that the effective implementation of Articles III, IV, V and VII of the Convention necessitates from time to time further specific evaluation of transportation issues, analysis of information and recommendations to the Parties for remedial or corrective action;

RECALLING that Article XIV, paragraph 1, permits any Party to adopt stricter domestic measures regarding the conditions for transport of specimens of species included in the Appendices and to adopt domestic measures restricting or prohibiting transport of species not included in the Appendices;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

1. DIRECTS the Standing Committee and the Animals and Plants Committees to deal with matters related to the transport of live specimens;
2. RECOMMENDS that:
 - a) suitable measures be taken by the Parties to promote the full and effective use by Management Authorities of the IATA *Live Animals Regulations* (for animals), the IATA *Perishable Cargo Regulations* (for plants) and the *CITES guidelines for the non-air transport of live animals and 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 the IATA *Live Animals Regulations* (for animals) and the IATA *Perishable Cargo Regulations* (for plants), so as to promote their effectiveness;
 - c) the regular communication of the CITES Secretariat and the Standing Committee with IATA's Live Animals and Perishables Board and with the board of directors of the Animals Transportation Association (AATA) be continued and that a relationship with the International

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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), the IATA *Perishable Cargo Regulations* (for plants) and the *CITES guidelines for the non-air transport of live animals and plants* in their most recent edition be deemed to meet CITES transport requirements;
 - e) the Standing Committee and the Secretariat, in consultation with the Animals and Plants Committees and IATA, regularly review, revise and approve amendments to the *CITES guidelines for the non-air transport of live animals and plants*;
 - f) the IATA *Live Animals Regulations*, the sections of the IATA *Perishable Cargo Regulations* related to the transport of live plant specimens and the *CITES guidelines for the non-air transport of live animals and plants* be incorporated into Parties' domestic legislation or policies;
 - g) applicants for export permits or re-export 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*, the IATA *Perishable Cargo Regulations* and the *CITES guidelines for the non-air transport of live animals and plants*;
 - h) in compliance with national laws and policies, shipments of live specimens be examined and necessary action taken to ensure the well-being of the specimens by CITES-designated persons or 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, holding facilities for live animals and plants be provided; and
 - j) in compliance with national laws and policies, 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;
3. DIRECTS the Standing Committee and the Animals and Plants Committees, in consultation with the Secretariat:
- a) to participate in meetings of the Live Animals and Perishables Board of IATA in order to amplify or update the IATA *Live Animals Regulations* and the IATA *Perishable Cargo Regulations* and the *CITES guidelines for the non-air transport of live animals and plants*;
 - b) to examine new or additional references for transport of live specimens for incorporation into the present Resolution, if appropriate;
 - c) to examine developments related to the transport of live plant specimens for incorporation into the present Resolution, if appropriate; and
 - d) to examine, when appropriate, any 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;
4. ENCOURAGES the Secretariat, Parties and relevant organizations to assist in the distribution and increase public awareness of the IATA *Live Animals Regulations*, the IATA *Perishable Cargo Regulations* and the *CITES guidelines for the non-air transport of live animals and plants*;
5. 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 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 specimens subject to international trade;
6. ENCOURAGES Parties to minimize the risk of injury, damage to health or cruel treatment for live CITES-listed specimens by taking measures to transport these specimens during the domestic portions of international CITES transports (the in-country transport of live CITES-listed specimens

to the port of export and from the port of import), according to the transport standards provided by the IATA Live Animal Regulations, IATA Perishable Cargo Regulations, and the CITES Guidelines for the Non-air Transport of Live Animals and Plants;

7. NOTES that in order to improve implementation of the *IATA Live Animals Regulations*, the *IATA Perishable Cargo Regulations* and the *CITES guidelines for the non-air transport of live animals and plants* by the Parties, there is a need for greatly increased awareness of the Regulations through more effective methods of training of personnel of transport companies, exporters and enforcement agencies; and
8. REPEALS:
 - a) Resolution Conf. 9.23 (Fort Lauderdale, 1994) – *Transport of Live Specimens*; and
 - b) the *CITES Guidelines for transport and preparation for shipment of live wild animals and plants* (1981).