

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



Twenty-sixth meeting of the Plants Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 5 – 9 June 2023

Appendices of the Convention

Annotations

ORCHID SPECIMENS EXEMPTED THROUGH ANNOTATION #4

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 19th meeting (CoP19; Panama City, 2022), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 19.268 to 19.271 on *Orchid specimens exempted through annotation #4 g*) as follows:

Directed to the Secretariat

19.268 *No less than one (1) year after entry into force of the Decisions adopted at the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, the Secretariat shall issue a Notification to the Parties requesting the following information:*

- a) *whether there have been any implementation issues concerning the annotation #4 exemption for finished products packaged and ready for retail trade of cosmetics containing parts and derivatives of specimens of Bletilla striata, Cycnoches cooperi, Gastrodia elata, Phalaenopsis amabilis and Phalaenopsis lobbii, and if so describe the issues;*
- b) *whether Parties have identified any conservation impacts of the annotation #4 exemption on the status of Bletilla striata, Cycnoches cooperi, Gastrodia elata, Phalaenopsis amabilis and Phalaenopsis lobbii in the wild; and*
- c) *based on the responses received, prepare a report to the Standing Committee on implementation challenges and to the Plants Committee on conservation impacts of the exemption.*

Directed to Parties

19.269 *Parties are encouraged to submit pertinent information concerning the annotation #4 exemption for finished products packaged and ready for retail trade of cosmetics containing parts and derivatives of specimens of Bletilla striata, Cycnoches cooperi, Gastrodia elata, Phalaenopsis amabilis and Phalaenopsis lobbii as requested in Decision 19.268.*

Directed to the Plants Committee

19.270 *The Plants Committee shall:*

- a) *review the information received as requested under Decision 19.268 with a view to assessing whether the exemption provided under annotation #4 has had any impacts on the wild populations of these species; and*
- b) *based on the outcome of this review, formulate recommendations to the Standing Committee concerning the exemption provided under annotation #4 for Bletilla striata, Cycnoches cooperi, Gastrodia elata, Phalaenopsis amabilis and Phalaenopsis lobbii.*

Directed to the Standing Committee

19.271 *The Standing Committee shall:*

- a) *consider the report of the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 19.268 and any recommendations of the Plants Committee under Decision 19.270; and*
- b) *formulate recommendations to the 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties concerning the application and conservation impacts of the exemption provided under annotation #4 to Bletilla striata, Cycnoches cooperi, Gastrodia elata, Phalaenopsis amabilis and Phalaenopsis lobbii, as appropriate.*

3. The new, revised and continued Decisions adopted at CoP19 entered into effect on 23 February 2023, in accordance with paragraph 7 of Resolution Conf. 4.6 (Rev. CoP19) (see also [Notification No. 2023/020](#)). The Notification requested by Decision 19.268 shall be issued no less than one year from the entry into force of the recommendations contained in the new, revised and continued Decisions adopted at CoP19. Furthermore, to allow Parties sufficient time to implement paragraph 4 g) of annotation #4, the Secretariat intends to issue the Notification within the first quarter of 2024.
4. In accordance with Decisions 19.270 and 19.271, the Secretariat will compile any responses to the Notification called for under Decision 19.268 in time for consideration by the 27th meeting of the Plants Committee and 78th meeting of the Standing Committee in 2024.

Recommendations

5. The Plants Committee is invited to take note of the document and the proposed timeframe for the publication of the Notification as per Decision 19.268.