

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



Seventy-eighth meeting of the Standing Committee
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Regulation of trade

TRANSPORT OF LIVE SPECIMENS

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 19th meeting (CoP19; Panama City, 2022), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 19.159 on *Transport of live specimens*, as follows:

Directed to the Secretariat, in consultation with the Standing Committee

19.159 *The Secretariat shall, in consultation with the Standing Committee, work with IATA to make relevant sections of the IATA Live Animal Regulations and IATA Perishable Cargo Regulations available to authorized representatives of Management Authorities and enforcement authorities as electronic or hard copies, depending on the needs of the Party and consider making them accessible to other relevant exporters, transporters and importers, free of charge.*

3. The Secretariat, as reported in document [PC27 Doc.19/AC33 Doc.20](#), continued its discussions with the International Air Transport Association (IATA) to secure discounted access to the Live Animal Regulations (LAR) for CITES Parties from developing countries. The Secretariat is pleased to report that, at the end of the negotiations, IATA agreed for the Secretariat to purchase digital single-user licenses for the 2025 edition of the LAR at a reduced price to facilitate access to developing country Parties, contingent on the Secretariat managing the distribution of the licenses. The Secretariat and IATA are currently making arrangements to procure 160 single-user licenses for the 2025 edition from IATA in line with UN rules and regulations. The Secretariat gratefully acknowledges the financial support provided by Germany for this procurement.
4. Once the licenses are ready to be distributed, the Secretariat will issue a notification inviting developing country Parties to request the codes for accessing the IATA LAR and the modality of using the codes.

Recommendations

5. The Standing Committee is invited to agree that Decision 19.159 has been implemented and can be proposed for deletion to the Conference of the Parties.