

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



Seventy-fifth meeting of the Standing Committee
Panama City (Panama), 13 November 2022

Interpretation and implementation matters

Regulation of trade

**REVISED GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION
OF CITES ANNUAL REPORTS AND GUIDELINES FOR THE PREPARATION
AND SUBMISSION OF CITES ANNUAL ILLEGAL TRADE REPORTS**

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. The current versions of the *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual reports* and of the *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual illegal trade reports* were issued in Notification to the Parties No. 2021/044 of 6 July 2021.
3. At its 73rd meeting (SC73, online, May 2021), the Standing Committee invited the Secretariat to take note of Peru's suggestions and to consider if further revisions of the *Guidelines* are needed. At SC73, Peru, on behalf of the region of South America, proposed to establish a generic definition for the term "fibre" that includes plant and animal fibres as follows: "Fibre - Natural Fibre - Animal Fibre - "VICUÑA FIBRE" (FIB): Generic term for several types of material of natural (i.e. plant or animal) origin that can be spun and woven and is usually very fine and has good flexibility". Peru, on behalf of the region of South America, also proposed deleting vicuña and guanaco as examples of "hair" as follows: "Hair (HAI): includes all animal hair, e.g. of elephant, yak" and correcting the definition of baleen as follows: "Baleen (BAL): elastic sheets of keratin that hang from the upper jaw of baleen whales (Mysticeti) and allow them to feed." Finally, Peru, on behalf of the region of South America, proposed the following definition for handicraft product or handicraft: "Handicraft product or handicraft: product produced by artisans, either totally by hand or with the help of manual or electric tools, provided that the direct manual contribution of the artisan is the most important component of the finished product."
4. While the proposed definition of handicraft product or handicraft is useful, the Secretariat would not recommend the introduction of a new trade term code for handicraft. An analysis of all trade in vicuña since 1975 has shown that the following trade term codes have been used out of 5,264 recorded transactions:

Trade Term Code	Number of recorded transactions using the trade term code
bodies	1
bones	1
carvings	1
cloth	1406
derivatives	27
fibres	125
fur products (small and large)	11

garments	2578
hair	507
hair products	26
jewellery	2
leather items	15
leather products (small and large)	232
live	204
plates	17
skeletons	3
skin pieces	24
skins	28
skulls	5
specimens	37
trophies	1
unspecified	13

5. The inclusion of an additional trade term code does not seem necessary to accurately capture trade in vicuña, noting that the majority of the trade is reported under cloth and garment. Further, the inclusion of “handicraft product” as a trade term code could lead to confusion for trade in other specimens, such as ivory and wood products. The Secretariat thus does not recommend its inclusion in the *Guidelines*.
6. The Secretariat also considered another proposed amendment to the *Guidelines* mentioned in document SC74 Doc. 67.3 that contained the outcomes of the Animals Committee’s discussions on sharks and rays at its 31st meeting (AC31, online, June 2021), including recommendations for the Standing Committee to consider the inclusion of a new three letter code form for registering trade in wet (fresh, chilled, frozen) fins of sharks in the *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual illegal trade reports*. The Animals Committee’s lead for shark issues confirmed that the intent of the amendment was to promote using different codes for wet fins (fresh, frozen, etc.) and for dry fins, both in kg, so different conversion factors could be applied. The Secretariat has reflected these proposed amendments in paragraph 7 below.

Recommendations

7. Based on the suggestions proposed by Peru and the Animals Committee outlined above, the Standing Committee is invited to approve the following amendments to the *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual reports* and the *Guidelines for the preparation and submission of CITES annual illegal trade reports*.

Proposed new text is shown underlined and deletions in ~~strikethrough~~.

Description	Trade term code	Preferred unit	Alternative unit	Explanation
baleen	BAL	kg	no.	whalebone <u>elastic sheets of keratin that hang from the upper jaw of baleen whales (Mysticeti) and allow them to feed</u>
fibre	FIB	kg	m	natural fibres; <u>generic term for several types of material of natural (i.e. plant or animal) origin. Animal fibre can usually be spun and woven and is usually very fine and has good flexibility. —e.g. This includes plant fibre, but includes strings of tennis rackets or fibre coming from the shearing of live vicuñas.</u>
<u>fin (dried)</u>	<u>DFN</u>	<u>kg</u>		<u>dried fins and parts of fins (including flippers)</u>
fin (wet)	FIN	kg		fresh, chilled or frozen or dried <u>chilled or frozen</u> fins and parts of fins (including flippers)
hair	HAI	kg	g	hair – includes all animal hair, e.g. of elephant, yak, vicuña, guanaco

8. The Secretariat notes that, should the above changes be approved, it will publish the new version of the two *Guidelines* with an update to the official name of Turkey, now known as Türkiye.