

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



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Regulation of trade

Exemptions and special trade provisions

PHYTOSANITARY CERTIFICATES THAT ARE REGARDED
AS ARTIFICIAL PROPAGATION CERTIFICATES

1. This document has been submitted by the Republic of Korea.*
2. In CITES Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Conf. Rev. CoP19) on *Permits and certificates*, the Conferences of the Parties :

15. *RECOMMENDS that:*

- a) *any Party having considered the practices governing the issue of its phytosanitary certificates for export of artificially propagated Appendix-II specimens, and having determined that such practices provide adequate assurance that the specimens are artificially propagated [as defined in Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP18)], may consider these documents as certificates of artificial propagation in accordance with Article VII, paragraph 5. Such certificates must include the scientific name of the species and the type and quantity of the specimens and bear a stamp, seal or their electronic equivalent, or other specific indication stating that the specimens are artificially propagated as defined by CITES;*
- b) *any Party using phytosanitary certificates as certificates of artificial propagation inform the Secretariat and provide copies of the certificates, stamps, seals, etc. that are used; and c) phytosanitary certificates be used exclusively for the purpose of export from the country of artificial propagation of the specimens concerned; and*

16. *INSTRUCTS the Secretariat to notify the Parties when any Party confirms that it issues phytosanitary certificates for export of artificially propagated plants of Appendix-II species;*

3. Information on the Parties who regard phytosanitary certificates as artificial propagation certificates pursuant to the Resolution above can be found on the CITES website page section for 'Parties'. The information is also posted on the 'Exemptions and special procedures' page in the 'Implementation' section, although the details are slightly different.
4. The Scientific Authorities of the Republic of Korea recognized the possibility that the manner in which they would implement the procedure may differ in each Parties. In developing guidelines to support the work of its Management Authorities, they conducted a survey for that information around Oct. 2020. The survey was

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carried out via email, asking authorities in 12 Parties listed on the 'Implementation' section of the CITES website about measures regarding phytosanitary certificates in CITES trade procedures.

5. As a result of the survey, they were able to identify relevant information from 11 Parties. Of these, two States Parties indicated that they no longer apply the special procedure, and nine indicated that they do apply the measure. The results of the survey are shown in Annex of this document.
6. Findings indicate that a number of Parties exporting large quantities of artificially propagated CITES plants have implemented the special procedures. In addition, it was confirmed that each Parties has different taxa or requirements for applying special procedures.
7. These differences are of concern in that they can lead to confusion and take a considerable amount of time to check compliance with procedures; therefore, they concluded that the Convention-level measures are necessary to tackle the concerns.
8. The Republic of Korea believes that detailed and updated information on the use of phytosanitary certificates should be posted in the relevant section of the CITES website, and look forward to the opportunity to review the procedure for improvement.

Recommendations

9. The Standing Committee is invited to:
 - a) take note of the information presented in this document and its annex;
 - b) encourage Parties, in particular Parties implementing special procedures to consider phytosanitary certificates as certificates of artificial propagation in accordance with paragraph 5 of Article VII, to provide the Secretariat with information relating to this document.
 - c) request the Secretariat to update the relevant information on the website, based on the information provided in accordance with paragraph b) above.
 - d) further request the Secretariat to report on any recommendations for improving this special procedure that are identified in the course of this process for consideration at the 78th Standing Committee.

THE RESULTS OF THE SURVEY OF PARTIES IMPLEMENTING PARAGRAPH 15 OF THE CITES
RESOLUTION CONF. 12.3 (REV. COP19)*.

Parties	Plants covered by	Comments
Austria	Artificially propagated plants of Appendix II listed species	
Belgium	Artificially propagated plants of Appendix II listed species	No issues in the last 5 years
Czech Republic	Artificially propagated plants of Appendix II, III listed species and hybrid plants from Appendix I listed species	
Denmark	Artificially propagated plants of Appendix II listed species	
Canada	None	No longer in effect
Germany	Artificially propagated plants of Appendix II listed species	
Hong Kong, SAR (China)	None	No longer in effect
Italy	Artificially propagated plants of Appendix II, III listed species	
Netherlands	For cultivated plants of the following taxa; - APOCYNACEAE: <i>Pachypodium</i> spp. - CACTACEAE: All species listed in Appendix II - DROSERACEAE: Only <i>Dionaea muscipula</i> - EUPHORBIACEAE: All succulent species listed in Appendix II except <i>Euphorbia handiensis</i> , <i>E. lambii</i> and <i>E. stygiana</i> - LILIACEAE: All <i>Aloe</i> species listed in Appendix II - NEPENTHACEAE: All <i>Nepenthes</i> species listed in Appendix II - ORCHIDACEAE: All <i>Paphiopedilum</i> hybrids and all species listed in Appendix II except <i>Cephalanthera cucullata</i> , <i>Cypripedium calceolus</i> , <i>Goodyera macrophylla</i> , <i>Liparis loeselii</i> , <i>Ophrys argolica</i> , <i>O. lunulata</i> , <i>Orchis scopulorum</i> and <i>Spiranthes aestivalis</i> - SARRACENIACEAE: All <i>Sarracenia</i> species listed in Appendix II	
Republic of Korea	For artificially propagated plants of the following taxa listed in Appendix II: CACTACEAE, CYCADACEAE, <i>Aloe</i> spp., <i>Oncidium</i> spp., and <i>Phalaenopsis</i> spp.	
Singapore	Artificially propagated plants of Appendix II listed species	Include plant products
Sweden	N/A	Unable to contact

* The information in this table was compiled based on responses from Parties around October 2020, so it may differ from the current process.