

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



Twenty-fifth meeting of the Plants Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 17 and 20-23 July 2020

Species specific matters

Maintenance of the Appendices

ANNOTATION #15

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. At its 18th meeting (CoP18, 2019), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 18.321 and 18.322 on *Annotation #15*, as follows:

18.321 Directed to the Secretariat

The Secretariat shall:

- a) *subject to available resources, undertake a study to assess the effect on Dalbergia/Guibourtia species in international trade of the exemptions contained in Annotation #15 for finished musical instruments, parts and accessories, and the conservation implications thereof;*
- b) *bring any scientific or technical issues to the attention of the Plants Committee and seek its advice; and*
- c) *report the results of its evaluation along with its recommendations to the Standing Committee.*

18.322 Directed to the Standing Committee

The Standing Committee shall in the context of its work on annotations under the relevant Decisions, consider any report by the Secretariat in accordance with Decision 18.321, undertake additional evaluation if necessary and report to the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. If warranted, the Standing Committee may work with relevant Parties in preparing an amendment proposal for the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

3. Annotation #15 reads as follows:

All parts and derivatives, except:

- a) *Leaves, flowers, pollen, fruits, and seeds;*
- b) *Finished products to a maximum weight of wood of the listed species of up to 10 kg per shipment;*
- c) *Finished musical instruments, finished musical instrument parts and finished musical instrument accessories;*

- d) *Parts and derivatives of Dalbergia cochinchinensis, which are covered by Annotation # 4; and*
- e) *Parts and derivatives of Dalbergia spp. originating and exported from Mexico, which are covered by Annotation # 6.*

4. Annotation #15 applies to the following listings in the Appendices (valid from 26 November 2019):

	Appendix II
FLORA (PLANTS)	
LEGUMINOSAE (Fabaceae) Afrormosia, cristobal, palisander, rosewood, sandalwood	
	<i>Dalbergia spp.</i> #15 (except for the species listed in Appendix I)
	<i>Guibourtia demeusei</i> #15
	<i>Guibourtia pellegriniana</i> #15
	<i>Guibourtia tessmannii</i> #15

5. At CoP18, the Conference of the Parties also adopted the following definitions for the exemptions contained in Annotation #15, as reflected in the Interpretation section of the Appendices:

Finished musical instruments

A musical instrument (as referenced by the Harmonized System of the World Customs Organization, Chapter 92; musical instruments, parts and accessories of such articles) that is ready to play or needs only the installation of parts to make it playable. This term includes antique instruments (as defined by the Harmonized System codes 97.05 and 97.06; Works of art, collectors' pieces and antiques).

Finished musical instrument accessories

A musical instrument accessory (as referenced by the Harmonized System of the World Customs Organization, Chapter 92; musical instruments, parts and accessories of such articles) that is separate from the musical instrument, and is specifically designed or shaped to be used explicitly in association with an instrument, and that requires no further modification to be used.

Finished musical instrument parts

A part (as referenced by the Harmonized System of the World Customs Organization, Chapter 92; musical instruments, parts and accessories of such articles) of a musical instrument that is ready to install and is specifically designed and shaped to be used explicitly in association with the instrument to make it playable.

Shipment

Cargo transported under the terms of a single bill of lading or air waybill, irrespective of the quantity or number of containers or packages; or pieces worn, carried or included in personal baggage.

Ten (10) kg per shipment

For the term "10 kg per shipment", the 10 kg limit should be interpreted as referring to the weight of the individual portions of each item in the shipment made of wood of the species concerned. In other words, the 10 kg limit is to be assessed against the weight of the individual portions of wood of Dalbergia/Guibourtia species contained in each item of the shipment, rather than against the total weight of the shipment.

Progress in the implementation of Decision 18.321

6. In addition to the assessment of the conservation implications of the exemptions contained in annotation #15 for the rosewood species concerned, the study called for under paragraph a) of Decision 18.321 will also entail consultations with relevant stakeholders along the supply chain. The Secretariat estimates the cost of the study at USD 80,000. At the time of writing, these external funds have not been raised (see [Notification to the Parties No. 2020/032](#) on *Status of funding for the implementation of valid Decisions after CoP18*). The Secretariat will continue its efforts to mobilize the necessary funds to undertake the study.
7. In April 2020, the Secretariat published Notification No. 2020/033, encouraging Parties and relevant stakeholders to share information and experiences relevant to the implementation of annotation #15 by 31 May 2020. The Secretariat will publish in an information document any responses received to the Notification, bringing to the attention of the Plants Committee any scientific or technical issues, as per paragraph b) of Decision 18.321.
8. The Secretariat is also aware that that the Chair of the Standing Committee's intersessional working group on annotations will present a progress report on its work (see document AC31 Doc. 40/PC25 Doc. 35), which may contain further useful information or insights in preparation for the implementation of Decision 18.322.

Recommendations

9. The Plants Committee is invited to establish an intersessional working group on annotation #15 to:
 - a) provide advice on any scientific aspects of the implementation of annotation #15 brought to its attention by the Secretariat and emanating from the responses to Notification No. 2020/033 and the study, if funding is raised, called for in paragraph a) of Decision 18.321; and
 - b) submit the outcomes of its work to the Plants Committee for consideration at its 26th meeting.