

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



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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Exemptions and special trade provisions

PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS

1. This document has been prepared by the Chairman of the Standing Committee's Working Group on Personal and Household Effects (WG/PHE).
2. The WG/PHE was established at the 53rd meeting (SC53, Geneva, June – July 2005) of the Standing Committee to assist with implementation of Decision 13.71, adopted at the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP13, Bangkok, 2004). Although the membership and working modalities of the WG/PHE were determined at that time, no chairman was identified. This oversight was addressed in 2006 when the Chairman of the Standing Committee appointed Mr C.S. Cheung (China) as chairman of the WG/PHE.
3. In addition to the Parties and organizations identified in the SC53 summary record as members of the WG/PHE, the Chair has allowed a representative of the IUCN Crocodile Specialist Group to participate. The names and contact information for all members are still being gathered.
4. Party-specific information, including whether export permits are required by Parties for the movement of personal effects of Appendix-II species, has been sought through Notification to the Parties No. 2005/016 (22 March 2005). Particular information on legislation or practice involving stricter domestic measures adopted by Parties in relation to personal and household effects was sought in Notification to the Parties No. 2006/041 (28 June 2006). Any information provided in response to these Notifications is being shared with the WG/PHE and made available on the CITES website under 'Resources/Reference lists'.
5. A general exchange of views and ideas on national practice regarding personal and household effects (especially in relation to Resolution Conf. 13.7) has begun within the WG/PHE, triggered by an initial email communication sent by the chairman. This first exchange is expected to lead to a more structured electronic discussion in the near future.
6. The WG/PHE will continue its work with a view to submitting a document for consideration at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties. The Standing Committee may wish to review the document during its 55th meeting and provide input which could be taken into account during discussions on the matter at CoP14.