

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



Seventy-fourth meeting of the Standing Committee
Lyon (France), 7 - 11 March 2022

Species specific matters

Maintenance of the Appendices

ANNOTATION #15:
REPORT OF THE SECRETARIAT

1. This document has been submitted by the Secretariat.
2. At its 18th meeting (CoP18, Geneva 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.

6. Concerning the study called for in paragraph a) of Decision 18.321, at the time of writing, the Netherlands has pledged USD 80,000 towards its undertaking. The Secretariat will give an oral update on any progress pertaining to the study at the present meeting.
7. At its 25th meeting (PC25, online, June 2021), the Plants Committee considered document PC25 Doc. 36 (by the Secretariat) and its Addendum [by the Secretariat in collaboration with the regional representative of Oceania (Mr. Damian Wrigley)] on *Annotation #15*. Together, these documents provided updates on the implementation of Decision 18.321. The Addendum also brought to the attention of the Committee information document PC25 Inf. 12 on the summary of responses received to Notification to the Parties No. 2020/033, which could be relevant in support of the study to assess the effects of the exemption contained in annotation #15 on *Dalbergia/Guibourtia* species in international trade.
8. Based on the recommendations contained in the documents mentioned above, the Plants Committee agreed to the revision of Decisions 18.321 and 18.322, as contained in the Annex to the present document. The Secretariat supports this proposal.

Recommendations

9. In accordance with Decision 18.322, the Standing Committee is invited to:
 - a) consider the renewal of Decisions 18.321 and 18.322 on *Annotation #15* as contained in the Annex to the present document; and
 - b) undertake an additional evaluation if necessary and report to the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

Revision of Decisions 18.321 and 18.322

Additions are shown underlined and deletions shown in strikethrough

ANNOTATION #15

18.321 (Rev. CoP19) *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 (Rev. CoP19) *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 (Rev. CoP19), undertake additional evaluation if necessary and report to the ~~19th~~ 20th 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~~ 20th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.