

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

Fifth Meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Buenos Aires (Argentina), 22 April to 3 May 1985

Interpretation and Implementation of the Convention

RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CITES TRANSPORT GUIDELINES FOR
LIVE ANIMALS AND IATA LIVE ANIMALS REGULATIONS

1. When it adopted Resolution Conf. 4.20 at its fourth meeting (Gaborone, 1983) the Conference of the Parties resolved that a special insert to the CITES Guidelines for Transport and Preparation for Shipment of Live Wild Animals and Plants relating to conditions applicable to air transport shall be made and charged the Technical Committee to prepare such an insert.
2. It also resolved that for so long as the CITES Secretariat and Technical Committee agree, IATA Regulations are generally deemed to meet the CITES Guidelines in respect of air transport.
3. The decisions mentioned above are closely linked and provide the essence of the special insert to the CITES Guidelines. The attached draft resolution suggests a text for this special insert. This draft has been approved by the Technical Committee at its first meeting (Brussels, June 1984).
4. At the same meeting, the Technical Committee agreed to establish a working group, consisting of Canada and the United States of America, to undertake TEC's responsibilities described in paragraph c) of Resolution Conf. 4.20.

DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Air Transport of Live Wild Animals

NOTING the Resolution Conf. 4.20 adopted at the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Gaborone, 1983);

CONSIDERING that the Regulations of the International Air Transport Association (IATA Live Animals Regulations) benefit from wide recognition;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

RESOLVES to insert the following statement in the Guidelines for Transport and Preparation for Shipment of Live Wild Animals and Plants;

"With respect to air transport of live wild animals, the Regulations of the International Air Transport Association (IATA Live Animals Regulations) for so long as the CITES Secretariat and Technical Committee do not provide to the contrary, are deemed to meet these Guidelines and may be implemented in lieu of them"; and

INSTRUCTS the Secretariat to insert this statement in the Guidelines at the most appropriate place.