

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

Seventh Meeting of the Conference of the Parties

Lausanne (Switzerland), 9 to 20 October 1989

Interpretation and Implementation of the Convention

TRANSPORT OF LIVE ANIMALS

The draft resolution attached to this document as an Annex has been prepared and is submitted by Canada as Chairman of the Working Group on Transport of Live Specimens.

The purpose of this draft resolution is to amend Resolution Conf. 6.24, adopted at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Ottawa, 1987), as it has not been found acceptable to the Live Animals Board of the International Air Transport Association or the International Office of Epizootics.

DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES

Shipment of Live Animals

NOTING that Resolution Conf. 5.18 adopted at the fifth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Buenos Aires, 1985) resolved that the Live Animals Regulations of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) are deemed to meet the CITES Guidelines for Transport and Preparation for Shipment of Live Animals and Plants for the transportation of animals by air;

NOTING further that Resolution Conf. 5.18 directed the Technical Committee (now abolished) to prepare recommendations for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties on any further measures which may be required to improve the conditions in which live specimens are transported;

NOTING also that Resolution Conf. 6.24 adopted at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Ottawa, 1987) provided for a checklist to be completed immediately before export and again on import at the destination of the shipment by persons designated by appropriate Management Authorities, and that the International Reporting System for Specimens Stressed during Transportation be incorporated into the checklist (Resolution Conf. 4.21 adopted at the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties, Gaborone, 1983);

CONSCIOUS that very few, if any, of the Parties to the Convention have adopted and applied the recommendations of Resolution Conf. 4.21;

RECALLING that Resolution Conf. 6.24 has not been accepted in its present form by the International Office of Epizootics (OIE) and the IATA Live Animals Board because of specific recommendations and some clauses in the checklist which were considered outside of CITES authority;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

RECOMMENDS

- a) that the dialogue between the CITES Secretariat, through the Standing Committee, and the Live Animals Board of the International Air Transport Association, the Animal Air Transport Association and the International Office of Epizootics be continued;
- b) that applicants for export permits or re-export certificates be notified that, as a condition of issuance, they are required to prepare and ship live specimens in accordance with the IATA Live Animals Regulations for the transport of live specimens by air and the CITES Guidelines for Transport of Live Specimens for marine or terrestrial shipments;
- c) that to assist enforcement officers, CITES export permits or re-export certificates be accompanied by a crating checklist (Annex) to be signed immediately prior to shipment by a person designated by a CITES Management Authority, the person so designated being familiar with the Live Animals Regulations;

- d) that, where Parties to the Convention have designated ports of entry and exit, animal holding facilities be provided;
- e) that Parties be encouraged to gather information on mortality occurring during transport and to note obvious causes of such mortality; and
- f) that, to the extent possible, Parties ensure that animal holding facilities be open for inspection of shipments, with the concurrence of the transport company, by CITES-designated enforcement personnel or designated observers; and that any documented information be made available to the appropriate authorities and transport companies; and

DECIDES that the Resolutions listed hereunder be repealed:

- a) Resolution Conf. 4.21 (Gaborone, 1983) - International Reporting System for Specimens Stressed During Transport; and
- b) Resolution Conf. 6.24 (Ottawa, 1987) - Shipment of Live Animals.

CHECKLIST

This checklist is to be completed by a CITES designated person and is to be attached to the CITES document accompanying shipments of live specimens.

Port and Country of Export _____

Port and Country of Import _____

CITES Export/Re-export Permit No. _____ Valid until _____

CITES Import Permit No. _____ Valid until _____

This Section to be completed before export (See Note 1)

This section to be completed on import (See Note 2)

	On Export		Comments If "no", please explain
	Yes	No	
1. Are CITES documents required for export/import complete?			
2. Are the numbers and species being shipped in accordance with the accompanying CITES documents and IATA Shippers Certification for Live Animals?			
3. Has the shipper/agent made adequate interline advance arrangements, including feeding, where more than one carrier is involved?			
4. Does the design and construction of the container(s) appear to comply with the IATA Live Animals Regulations Container requirements?			
5. Is(are) the container(s) adequate size to avoid overcrowding of the species and specimens being shipped?			
6. Is(are) the container(s) undamaged?			
7. Is the consignee's name, address and telephone number clearly shown on each container?			
8. Are there "Live Animals" and "This way up" labels on each container indicating the contents and upright position?			
9. Are all specimens apparently alive and uninjured?			

Signature/Stamp of Designated Person at Port of Export Date and time	Signature/Stamp of Designated Person at Port of Entry Date and time
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Note 1 A shipment being examined for export that contains any "No" comments should not be cleared for export and the shipper/agent informed immediately.

After completion of the form on export of the shipment, a copy of the checklist should be provided to the shipper/agent.

Note 2 After completion of the form on import of the shipment, a copy of the checklist should be returned to the Management Authority of the country of export.