

CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENT OF APPENDICES I AND II

A. Proposal

Amendment of Annotation °607 to read:

The following are not subject to the provisions of the Convention:

- a) synthetically derived DNA that does not contain any part of the original;
- b) urine and faeces;
- c) synthetically produced medicines and other pharmaceutical products such as vaccines that do not contain any part of the original genetic material from which they are derived; and
- d) fossils.

B. Proponent

Switzerland as Depositary Government, at the request of the Standing Committee.

C. Supporting Statement

At its 46th meeting, the Standing Committee, in the context of Decision 11.87, and as part of a series of proposals on the issue of trade in time-sensitive biological samples, requested the Depositary Government to prepare a proposal for consideration at the 12th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to amend the interpretation section of the Appendices to note that the following types of specimens are not covered by the Convention: i) synthetically derived DNA that does not contain any part of the original; ii) urine and faeces; and iii) synthetically produced medicines and other pharmaceutical products such as vaccines that do not contain any part of the original genetic material from which they are derived. The Secretariat proposed that Annotation °607 be amended to accommodate these exemptions to be applicable to all CITES-listed species, based on the precedent established through which fossils of the stony coral species included in the Appendices are not subject to the provisions of the Convention. For further information, please refer to documents Doc. AC.16.21, SC45 Doc. 10 and SC46 Doc.12, available on the CITES website.