

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



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**Committee II**

**PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS**

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**DRAFT RESOLUTION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES**

Proposed amendments to Resolution Conf. 13.7 on  
Control of trade in personal and household effects

**THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION**

AGREES that Parties shall:

- a) regulate the cross-border movements of legally acquired, personally owned live animals of species listed in the Appendices of CITES in accordance with Resolution Conf. 10.20;
- b) not require export permits or re-export certificates, for personal or household effects which are dead specimens, parts or derivatives of Appendix-II species except:
  - i) where they have been advised through a Notification from the Secretariat ~~and~~ or on the CITES website that the other Party involved in the trade requires such documents; or
  - ii) for the following, where the quantity exceeds the specified limits:
    - caviar of sturgeon species (*Acipenseriformes* spp.) – up to a maximum of 125 grams per person whereby the container has to be labeled in accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP14);
    - rainsticks of *Cactaceae* spp. – up to three specimens per person;
    - specimens of crocodilian species – up to four specimens per person;
    - queen conch (*Strombus gigas*) shells – up to three specimens per person;
    - seahorses (*Hippocampus* spp.) – up to four specimens per person; and
    - giant clam (*Tridacnidae* spp.) shells – up to three specimens, each of which may be one intact shell or two matching halves, not exceeding 3 kg per person;
- c) advise their Customs administrations of the treatment of personal or household effects under CITES;
- d) take all necessary steps, including inspection and provision of information to merchants, to prohibit the sale of tourist souvenir specimens of Appendix-I species in places of international departure, such as international airports, seaports and border crossings and particularly in duty-free areas beyond Customs control points;

- e) provide information through displays and by other means, in all relevant languages, in places of international departure and arrival, informing travellers about the purpose and requirements of the Convention, and of their responsibilities with respect to international and domestic laws relating to the export and import of specimens of wild fauna and flora; and
- f) in collaboration with national and international tourist agencies, carriers, hotels and other relevant bodies, take all possible steps to ensure that tourists and persons with diplomatic privileges travelling abroad are made aware of the import and export controls that are or may be in force with respect to items derived from CITES species;

RECOMMENDS that the Parties follow the Guidelines contained in the Annex to this Resolution, if they wish to amend the list contained in paragraph b) ii) above;

## Annex

### Guidelines for amending the list of personal and household effects of Appendix-II species with quantitative limits

1. Any proposal for adding to, deleting from or otherwise amending the list of personal and household effects of Appendix-II species with quantitative limits, including the quantitative limit set, should be initiated by a Party.
2. The proposal should contain supporting information and a justification, including an indication of whether the proposal is being made primarily for enforcement or conservation purposes.
3. Parties should make every effort not to unnecessarily lengthen the list of personal and household effects with quantitative limits.
4. In support of such proposals submitted the Parties to the Conference of the Parties for discussion and decision, it is recommended that the following information should be contained in any such proposal:
  - a) An assessment of the impact of the proposal, drawn from consultations with Range States, producer countries and, consumer countries; and
  - b) An assessment of the enforceability of the proposal.

DRAFT DECISION OF THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES  
[TO REPLACE DECISION 13.71]

***Directed to the Standing Committee***

- 14.xx The Standing Committee shall extend the operation of its Working Group on Personal and Household Effects until the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP15) and oversee the Group's work in fulfilling the following terms of reference:
- a) clarify the relationship between 'tourist souvenirs' and 'personal and household effects';
  - b) clarify the interpretation of Article VII, paragraph 3(b), of the Convention;
  - c) assess whether there are specific species or types of personal or household effects which, in view of conservation concerns, would require different treatment under Resolution Conf. 13.7 (Rev. CoP14);
  - d) collate information about how each Party has implemented Resolution Conf. 13.7 (Rev. CoP14), particularly with regard to requirements for export permits, and assess whether this indicates the need to amend the Resolution; and
  - e) report at each regular meeting of the Standing Committee until CoP15 and at CoP15.