

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



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Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Compliance and enforcement

REPORTING ON TRADE IN ARTIFICIALLY PROPAGATED PLANTS

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat on behalf of the Standing Committee.
2. At its 14th meeting, the Conference of the Parties adopted Decisions 14.39 to 14.41 as follows:

***Directed to the Secretariat***

14.39 *The Secretariat shall, in consultation with the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre:*

- a) *conduct a survey of reporting practices of Parties relating to trade in artificially propagated plants of taxa included in Appendix II, e.g. regarding the degree of completeness and detail;*
- b) *identify cases where the compilation of trade data pertaining to artificially propagated plants of taxa included in Appendix II has contributed to a significant extent to the detection of illegal trade or to any other analysis related to the conservation of wild flora;*
- c) *taking into consideration the results of paragraphs a) and b) above, analyse the Convention text and Resolutions in order to identify binding and non-binding elements of reporting, with special emphasis on artificially propagated plants of taxa included in Appendix II. The Secretariat shall list options for streamlining such reporting; and*
- d) *report on its findings to the Plants Committee prior to its 18th meeting.*

***Directed to the Plants Committee***

14.40 *The Plants Committee shall consider the report of the Secretariat and assess the usefulness to its programme of work of reporting on trade in artificially propagated plants of taxa included in Appendix II. It shall report its findings to the Standing Committee at its 58th meeting.*

***Directed to the Standing Committee***

14.41 *The Standing Committee shall:*

- a) *taking into consideration the results of the Plants Committee's assessment, analyse in what manner, for which groups of plants, etc., such reporting could be streamlined, where appropriate; and*
- b) *report on its findings at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and submit draft wording to amend Resolutions concerned, where appropriate.*

3. At the 18th meeting of the Plants Committee (Buenos Aires, March 2009), the Secretariat reported that it had been unable to conduct the study called for in Decision 14.39 because this required additional funding, which was not available at the time. Even without the report, however, the Committee agreed, in relation to Decision 14.40, that reporting on trade in artificially propagated Appendix-II plant species was useful to its programme of work.
4. This subject was then discussed further at the 58th meeting of the Standing Committee (Geneva, July 2009), where it was agreed that it would still be useful to have the results of the study referred to in Decision 14.39. It was also agreed that, as a possible step towards reducing the reporting burden for Parties, it would be useful to know whether there were any Appendix-II plant taxa for which detailed reporting on artificially propagated specimens could be reduced. With this in mind, the Standing Committee prepared draft revisions of the above Decisions, as presented below.

#### Recommendations

5. The Standing Committee proposes that the Conference of the Parties adopt the draft revisions to Decisions 14.39 to 14.41 shown in Annex 1. The clean version is contained in Annex 2.

DRAFT REVISIONS OF DECISIONS 14.39, 14.40 AND 14.41

NB: Text to be deleted is ~~crossed out~~. Proposed new text is underlined.

**Directed to the Secretariat**

- 14.39 The Secretariat shall, subject to available funding, in consultation with the UNEP World Conservation Monitoring Centre:
- a) conduct a survey of reporting practices of Parties relating to trade in artificially propagated plants of taxa included in Appendix II, e.g. regarding the degree of completeness and detail;
  - b) identify cases where the compilation of trade data pertaining to artificially propagated plants of taxa included in Appendix II has contributed to a significant extent to the detection of illegal trade or to any other analysis related to the conservation of wild flora;
  - c) taking into consideration the results of paragraphs a) and b) above, analyse the Convention text and Resolutions in order to identify binding and non-binding elements of reporting, with special emphasis on artificially propagated plants of taxa included in Appendix II. The Secretariat shall list options for streamlining such reporting; and
  - d) report on its findings to the Plants Committee prior to its 20th ~~18th~~-meeting.

**Directed to the Plants Committee**

- 14.40 The Plants Committee shall, after considering ~~consider~~ the report of the Secretariat:
- ~~a) and~~ a) assess the usefulness to its programme of work of reporting on trade in artificially propagated plants of taxa included in Appendix II. It shall:
  - ~~b) if such reporting is found to be generally useful, determine whether there are any taxa of Appendix-II plants artificially propagated for which detailed reporting is less valuable; and~~
  - c) report its findings to the Standing Committee at its 62nd ~~58th~~-meeting.

**Directed to the Standing Committee**

- 14.41 The Standing Committee shall:
- a) taking into consideration the findings results ~~of the Plants Committee's assessment, analyse in what manner, for which groups of plants, etc., such reporting could be streamlined, where appropriate~~ determine whether it is possible to streamline reporting for Appendix-II plants; and
  - b) report on its findings at the 16th ~~15th~~-meeting of the Conference of the Parties and submit draft wording to amend Resolutions concerned, where appropriate.

REVISED VERSION OF DECISIONS 14.39 TO 14.41  
INCORPORATING THE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED ABOVE

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- a) conduct a survey of reporting practices of Parties relating to trade in artificially propagated plants of taxa included in Appendix II, e.g. regarding the degree of completeness and detail;
- b) identify cases where the compilation of trade data pertaining to artificially propagated plants of taxa included in Appendix II has contributed to a significant extent to the detection of illegal trade or to any other analysis related to the conservation of wild flora;
- c) taking into consideration the results of paragraphs a) and b) above, analyse the Convention text and Resolutions in order to identify binding and non-binding elements of reporting, with special emphasis on artificially propagated plants of taxa included in Appendix II. The Secretariat shall list options for streamlining such reporting; and
- d) report on its findings to the Plants Committee prior to its 20th meeting.

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14.40 (Rev.) The Plants Committee shall, after considering the report of the Secretariat:

- a) assess the usefulness to its programme of work of reporting on trade in artificially propagated plants of taxa included in Appendix II;
- b) if such reporting is found to be generally useful, determine whether there are any taxa of Appendix-II plants artificially propagated for which detailed reporting is less valuable; and
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**Directed to the Standing Committee**

14.41 (Rev.) The Standing Committee shall:

- a) taking into consideration the findings of the Plants Committee determine whether it is possible to streamline reporting for Appendix-II plants; and
- b) report on its findings at the 16th meeting of the Conference of the Parties and submit draft wording to amend Resolutions concerned, where appropriate.