

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



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CONSIDERATION OF PROPOSALS FOR AMENDMENT OF APPENDICES I AND II

A. Proposal

Added text shown underlined and deleted text shown in ~~strike through~~.

Amend Annotation #1 to read as follows:

Annotation #1:

All parts and derivatives, except:

...b) seedling or tissue cultures obtained *in vitro*, in solid or liquid media, transported in sterile containers;

...

Amend Annotation #4 to read as follows:

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All parts and derivatives, except:

... b) seedling or tissue cultures obtained *in vitro*, in solid or liquid media, transported in sterile containers;

...

Amend Annotation #14 to read as follows:

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All parts and derivatives except:

... b) seedling or tissue cultures obtained *in vitro*, in solid or liquid media, transported in sterile containers;
... f) finished products packaged and ready for retail trade; this exemption does not apply to wood chips, beads, prayer beads and carvings.

Amend paragraph f) of the text in French of Annotation #14 to read as follows:

f) les produits finis conditionnés et prêts pour la vente au détail; cette dérogation ne s'applique pas aux copeaux en de bois, aux perles, aux grains de chapelets et aux gravures.

Amend the parenthetical annotation to Appendix I Orchidaceae in the Appendices to read as follows:

ORCHIDACEAE

Orchids

(For all of the following Appendix-I species, seedling or tissue cultures obtained *in vitro*, in solid or liquid media, and transported in sterile containers are not subject to the provisions of the Convention only if the specimens meet the definition of 'artificially propagated' agreed by the Conference of the Parties)

This proposal is made in accordance with the consensus recommendation made by the Standing Committee at its 74th meeting (SC74, Lyon, March 2022).

B. Proponent

Canada*

C. Supporting Statement

1. Taxonomy

1.1 Class:

1.2 Order:

1.3 Family:

1.4 Genus, species or subspecies, including author and year:

1.5 Scientific synonyms:

1.6 Common names:

1.7 Code numbers:

2. Overview

At its 74th meeting (Lyon, 2022), the Standing Committee considered document SC74 Doc. 81, the report of the Working Group on Annotations, and, as indicated in document SC 74 Sum. 13 (Rev. 1), endorsed the recommendations of the Working Group contained in paragraphs 6-7, 15 and 21 of SC74 Doc. 81, and agreed to propose to CoP19 an amendment to paragraph 5 of the Interpretation Section of the Appendices, to the parenthetical annotation of ORCHIDACEAE in Appendix I, and to paragraph b) of Annotation #1, Annotation #4 and Annotation #14 in Appendix II, by deleting in each case the phrase “, in solid or liquid media”. These amendments are proposed to reflect evolution in techniques for propagating and transporting seedling or tissue cultures obtained in vitro since the adoption of the text “in solid or liquid media”, while maintaining the original intent of the exemption. The amendment proposed will harmonize all occurrences of the phrase “, in solid or liquid media” in the CITES Appendices and in hash-series annotations.

The Standing Committee additionally agreed to propose amendments to paragraph f) of the English and French text of Annotation #14, to align the punctuation and vocabulary of the English, French and Spanish versions.

As in accordance with Resolution Conf. 11.21 (Rev. CoP18) on *Use of annotations in Appendices I and II*, annotations to species listed in the Appendices, including hash-series annotations and the parenthetical annotation to ORCHIDACEAE are considered substantive annotations that are integral parts of species listings, they may be adopted, deleted or amended only by the Conference of the

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Parties, in accordance with the provisions of the Article XV of the Convention. As such, in accordance with Rules 24 and 25 of its Rules of Procedure, the amendments agreed by the Standing Committee require that a proposal or proposals be submitted by one or more Parties to the Convention for consideration by the Conference of the Parties at CoP19.

3. Species characteristics

4. Status and trends

5. Threats

6. Utilization and trade

The phrase “in solid or liquid media” in CITES #-annotations reflects the in vitro process at the time the current text was proposed, and has no impact on the conservation of a species. Current experience suggests that when tissue cultures and seedlings are transported internationally, the accompanying solid or liquid media may be depleted or not easily observed. As a result, tissue cultures and seedlings obtained in vitro and transported in sterile containers may appear not to contain solid or liquid media and may be deemed not to meet the requirements of the exclusion in the annotations. It is proposed to remove “, in solid or liquid media”, in order to facilitate comprehension of this portion of the annotations, while maintaining the original intent of the exemption.

7. Legal instruments

8. Species management

9. Information on similar species

10. Consultations

The amendments to Annotations #1, #4 and #14, to the parenthetical annotation to Appendix I Orchidaceae in the CITES Appendices and to paragraph f) of the English and French text of Annotation #14 are proposed in accordance with the outcome of discussions of the Standing Committee Working Group on Annotations and were endorsed by the Standing Committee at its 74th meeting in March, 2022 (SC74 Sum. 13).

11. Additional remarks

The proponent submits this consensus recommendation of the Standing Committee for consideration by the 19th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.

12. References