



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2009/021

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CONCERNING:

JAPAN

### Prior Confirmation System

1. This Notification is being distributed at the request of the Management Authority of Japan.
2. The Management Authority of Japan has revised its Import Notice based on the Import Control Order to enable the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) to introduce the 'Prior Confirmation System' for specimens of species listed in Appendix II or III.
3. The system applies to imports of specimens of species listed in Appendix II or III from countries of export or re-export that have introduced any export restriction of which details have been circulated through a Notification to the Parties. Therefore, no import will be allowed unless the Minister of Economy, Trade and Industry has confirmed that the export permit or the re-export certificate is authentic and valid by checking with:
  - a) the Management Authority of the Party of export, re-export; or
  - b) the competent authority of the non-Party of re-export.
4. Japan will not authorize any import from a non-Party that has not designated a competent authority to issue comparable documentation.
5. The Management Authority of Japan makes its inquiries to the Management or competent Authority of the country of export or re-export directly through fax or email.
6. This Notification replaces Notifications to the Parties No. 495 of 5 September 1988 and No. 694 of 24 August 1992.