



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 20010/024

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CONCERNING:

ZIMBABWE

Trade in ivory carvings

1. The Conference of the Parties has authorized trade in ivory carvings, for non-commercial purposes, from Zimbabwe. Until recently, licensed domestic traders were authorized to issue to customers a document, known as a 'Short Export Permit', at the time of purchase. This document was supplied by the CITES Management Authority of Zimbabwe. When endorsed by a Customs officer prior to export, it entitled the customer to leave the country with ivory carvings.
2. However, this practice has been terminated. Persons wishing to take ivory carvings out of the country must now apply to one of Zimbabwe's three CITES Management Authority offices, at which time they will be issued a standard CITES export permit.
3. Parties are therefore requested to no longer authorize the import of any ivory carvings where the traveller presents a 'Short Export Permit'.