



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

MEXICO

Electronic portal for CITES permits and certificates in Mexico

1. This notification is published at the request of Mexico.
2. Mexico wishes to inform the Parties to CITES that the General Directorate for Wildlife, the CITES Administrative Authority in Mexico, has, in collaboration with other departments of the Government of Mexico, established and implemented a Single Window Facility for Mexican Foreign Trade (VUCEM). As part of this project, the General Directorate for Wildlife has relaxed the process for issuing electronic CITES permits and certificates, meaning that from 1 June 2015, some documents will be signed using an advanced electronic signature instead of the traditional written signature, if the petitioners use the new VUCEM option.
3. Moreover, it is necessary to specify that export permits and re-export certificates will be issued on security paper and that the two forms (traditional with written signature and those obtained through the VUCEM) will both be valid whether with the electronic signature or with the written one. Mexico requests State parties to accept permits and certificates with both types of signatures. The import permits that are issued electronically will not be printed on security paper, since they are printed by the users themselves.
4. The VUCEM is designed to enable importers and exporters can go through the process from anywhere in the world, 365 days a year and 24 hours a day, using the following portal: www.ventanillaunica.gob.mx.
5. For more information on CITES permits and certificates in Mexico, contact the CITES Administrative Authority in Mexico, by writing to Jorge Maksabedian de la Roquette at jorge.maksabedian@semarnat.gob.mx or Miguel Ángel Cobian Gaviño at miguel.cobian@semarnat.gob.mx.