



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2016/059

Geneva, 8 November 2016

CONCERNING:

Email correspondence purporting to come from the Secretariat

1. The Secretariat has been made aware that fake emails were sent recently using the name of a fictitious staff member as the original sender. A sample of such an email is attached in the annex to this Notification.
2. The Secretariat wishes to inform all CITES Parties and other relevant stakeholders, including the participants to the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties, as well as the representatives of the Permanent Missions to the United Nations in Geneva, that such emails were not sent from the Secretariat. The Secretariat further recommends that you do not reply to such an email, or follow the hyperlink contained therein.
3. Parties and other relevant stakeholders are advised to check closely for any irregular communication purporting to originate from the Secretariat. If in doubt, you may wish to contact the Secretariat through a separate email to info@cites.org, or by other means of communication (e.g., telephone or by post).

Annex

Sample fraudulent email

Dear CITES member,

On 03 November 2016 you should have received email sent from the CITES Membership Renewal. All CITES members are required to **CLICK** and login to renew the membership of CITES for the period 2017.

Please look at the online renewal survey as indicated in the email and update your contact details and thematic preferences. Please note that the renewal notice, and the link indicated, are unique to each member. The notice was co-signed by CITES, Meng Xianlin, Stephanie Nicholson, John E. Scanlon.

Please also **click** on the link if you are not planning to renew your membership as this will enable us to keep a record of your decision.

Best wishes,
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