



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2019/069

Geneva, 26 November 2019

CONCERNING:

Personal and household effects

1. Article VII, paragraph 3, of the Convention lays down the conditions under which specimens that are personal or household effects are exempt from the provisions of Articles III, IV and V of the Convention. The preamble to Resolution Conf. 13.7 (Rev. CoP18) on *Control of trade in personal and household effects*, states that effective implementation of the provisions related to that exemption "will be strengthened by a clarification of the measures taken by Parties in accordance with Article XIV, paragraph 1", i.e. stricter domestic measures.
2. In Notification to the Parties No. 2005/016 of 22 March 2005 on *Party-specific information*, the Secretariat reminded Parties of the need to advise it whether export permits are needed for the movement of personal effects of Appendix-II species. The information received to date has been posted on the CITES website under <https://cites.org/eng/resources/reference.php#personal>.
3. The Secretariat urges Parties to provide updated information on their implementation of Article VII, paragraph 3, of the Convention and Resolution Conf. 13.7 (Rev. CoP18), particularly on their national legislation or current practice regarding the conditions under which the exemption for personal and household effects is applied. This information should be sent no later than **1 March 2020** and will be published on the CITES website as soon as it is received.
4. The Secretariat would also like to remind Parties of the guidance in Annex 2 of Resolution Conf. 18.7 on *Legal acquisition findings* indicating that "personal or household effects" within the meaning of Article VII, paragraph 3 of the Convention, means specimens that are legally acquired (among other requirements).
5. This Notification replaces Notification to the Parties No. 2006/041 of 28 June 2006.