



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2020/009

Geneva, 3 February 2020

CONCERNING:

### National laws for the implementation of the Convention

1. At its 18th meeting (CoP18, Geneva, 2019), the Conference of the Parties adopted Decision 18.62 on *National laws for the implementation of the Convention* directed to Parties as follows:

*18.62 Parties with legislation in Category 2 or 3 under the National Legislation Project (NLP) are urged to submit to the Secretariat as soon as possible, and no later than by the 74th meeting of the Standing Committee, in one of the three working languages of the Convention details of appropriate measures that have been adopted for the effective implementation of the Convention. Such Parties are also urged to keep the Secretariat informed of legislative progress at any time and are called on to provide a written update of the legislative progress to the Secretariat, at the latest, 90 days before the 73rd meeting of the Standing Committee.*
2. The 73rd meeting of the Standing Committee is scheduled to be held in Geneva on 5-9 October 2020. Parties with legislation in Category 2 or 3 under the National Legislation Project (see Annex 1 to the present Notification) are urged to keep the Secretariat informed of legislative progress implementing the CITES Convention at the national level **at any time** and to provide a written update of the legislative progress to the Secretariat on **7 July 2020** or at the latest 90 days before SC73.
3. According to Decisions 18.64 and 18.65, at its 73rd and 74th meetings, the Standing Committee shall review the progress of Parties and shall take appropriate measures, including a recommendation to suspend trade with Parties affected by Decision 18.62 that have failed to adopt appropriate measures for the effective implementation of the Convention, in particular Parties identified as requiring attention as a priority (see Annex 2 to the present notification).
4. The Secretariat is available to provide legislative advice and assistance to Parties on the development of appropriate measures for effective implementation of the Convention as well as guidance to and training of CITES authorities, legislative drafters, policymakers, the judiciary, parliamentarians and other relevant government officials responsible for the formulation and adoption of CITES-related legislation.
5. Parties are invited to send all relevant information and to submit reports and questions to the CITES Secretariat by email to Ms. Sofie H. Flensburg, legal advisor, Legal Affairs and Compliance, ([sofie.flensburg@un.org](mailto:sofie.flensburg@un.org)).

**Parties with legislation in Category 2 or 3\***

\* *Parties in **bold** have been identified by the Standing Committee as requiring its attention as a priority. For further details, please see the updated legislative status table on the [CITES website](#)*

<b>Parties with legislation in Category 2</b>	<b>Parties with legislation in Category 3</b>
<b>Algeria</b>	Afghanistan
Antigua and Barbuda	Armenia
Azerbaijan	<b>Belize</b>
Bangladesh	Bhutan
Belarus	Cabo Verde
Benin	Central African Republic
Bosnia and Herzegovina	<b>Comoros</b>
<b>Botswana</b>	Côte d'Ivoire
Burkina Faso	<b>Djibouti</b>
Burundi	Dominica
Chad	Eswatini
<b>Congo</b>	Ghana
<b>Ecuador</b>	Grenada
Eritrea	<b>Lao People's Democratic Republic</b>
Gabon	Lesotho
The Gambia	<b>Liberia</b>
<b>Guinea</b>	Libya
<b>India</b>	Niger
Jordan	Oman
<b>Kazakhstan</b>	Palau
<b>Kenya</b>	<b>Rwanda</b>
Kyrgyzstan	Samoa
Mali	Sao Tome and Principe
<b>Mauritania</b>	Seychelles
Mongolia	Sierra Leone
Montenegro	<b>Somalia</b>
<b>Mozambique</b>	Sri Lanka
Myanmar	Syrian Arab Republic
Nepal	Uganda
North Macedonia	
<b>Pakistan</b>	
Philippines	
Saint Kitts and Nevis	
Saint Lucia	
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	
Solomon Islands	
Sudan	
Suriname	
Togo	
Trinidad and Tobago	
Tunisia	
<b>United Republic of Tanzania</b>	
<b>Uzbekistan</b>	
Zambia	

**Decisions on *National laws for the implementation of the Convention*  
directed to the Standing Committee**

## Decision 18.64

*At its 73rd and 74th meetings, the Standing Committee shall review the progress of Parties in adopting appropriate measures for effective implementation of the Convention. With the assistance of the Secretariat, the Standing Committee may identify additional Parties that require its attention as a priority and shall pay particular attention to these Parties. The Standing Committee shall take appropriate compliance measures with regard to Parties affected by Decision 18.62 that have failed to adopt appropriate measures for the effective implementation of the Convention or to take significant and substantive steps to do so. For Parties that have acceded to the Convention since August 2011, the Standing Committee may decide to allow more time to adopt appropriate measures.*

## Decision 18.65

*Such compliance measures may include a recommendation to suspend trade with Parties affected by Decision 18.62 that have failed to adopt appropriate measures for the effective implementation of the Convention, in particular **Parties identified as requiring its attention as a priority**. Any recommendation to suspend trade with the Party concerned shall take effect 60 days after it is agreed, unless the Party adopts appropriate measures before the expiry of the 60 days or takes significant and substantive steps to do so.*