



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

CHINA

Change to China's CITES permits and certificates

1. This Notification is being published at the request of China.
2. China wishes to inform CITES Parties that starting from 1 July 2019 new versions of the permits and certificates will be used by CITES Management Authority of China. Meanwhile, the old versions remain valid until 1 January 2020.
 - a) Categories – there are eight forms for the new permits and certificates:
 - 1) Import permit,
 - 2) Export permit,
 - 3) Re-export certificate,
 - 4) introduction from the sea certificate,
 - 5) Certificate for Multiple cross-border transfer of musical instruments which contain restricted fauna and flora parts,
 - 6) Travelling exhibition of specimens certificate,
 - 7) Multiple cross-border transfer of privately-owned live animals (certificate of ownership);
 - 8) Erhu carried in as hand luggage by individuals abroad (personnel and household goods certificate).
 - b) Certificate types – currently, both electronic and paper certificates will be used at the same time, except for the following two cases where only electronic certificates can be issued:
 - i) specimens of species included in Appendix I which do not meet the exemption conditions;
 - ii) introduction from the sea.
 - c) Security measures for permits and certificates - the new document has a number of anti-counterfeiting measures, such as an almost invisible watermark on the lower left corner of the certificates.
 - d) Certificate query – scan the two-dimensional barcode of the certificates or login <https://cites.singlewindow.cn/certver/cites>, then input the number of the permit or certificate, security number and serial number.

3. A copy of each of the new documents has been uploaded on CITES' closed online forum for Management Authorities.
4. If you have any queries regarding China's CITES permits and certificates, please contact the CITES Management Authority of China at: cites_chinama@163.com.