



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2020/074

Geneva, 11 December 2020

CONCERNING:

### ISRAEL

#### Stricter domestic measures: New policy on ivory trade

1. The present Notification to the Parties is published at the request of Israel.
2. A new policy on trade in ivory of elephants and mammoths is being instituted in Israel, effective from 1 January 2021.
3. *International trade*: This new policy generally does not allow any international trade in ivory except for certain special cases, as detailed in Table 1 (on the next page).
4. *Domestic trade*: This new policy generally does not allow any domestic trade of ivory whether pre-convention or not. Possession and non-commercial domestic transfer are permitted under certain conditions; as detailed in Table 1.
5. Parties are requested not to issue pre-convention certificates or permits for export or re-export of elephant ivory to Israel after 1 January 2021, unless the situation is clearly allowed according to the guidelines in Table 1.
6. Parties are hereby reminded that Israeli law requires the issuance of an import permit from the Israel Nature and Parks Authority for all wildlife imports (see Notification to the Parties [No. 2019/043](#) of 12 August 2019), whether the specimens are CITES-listed or not.
7. For clarification, please contact Israel's CITES Management Authority by telephone +972-2-5005463 or by email: [u.achifa@npa.org.il](mailto:u.achifa@npa.org.il) or [import@npa.org.il](mailto:import@npa.org.il).

**Table 1. New guidelines for international and domestic trade and possession of ivory in Israel – effective 1 January 2021**

	<b>Commercial trade</b>	<b>Non-commercial international trade</b>	<b>Non-commercial domestic trade and possession</b>
<p><b>Pre-convention ivory</b></p> <p>Determined according to the date it was removed from the wild or born in captivity:</p> <p>For African elephant (<i>Loxodonta africana</i>) ivory: from before 26 February 1976;</p> <p>For Indian elephant (<i>Elephas maximus</i>) ivory: from before 1 July 1975.</p>	<p>Not allowed; except for special permits which will be granted where ivory is a part of a larger item provided that it meets ALL the following criteria:</p> <p>The ivory is all pre-convention, and;</p> <p>a) The ivory is fully attached to the item and is not readily separable, and;</p> <p>b) The ivory is processed and not raw, and;</p> <p>c) The ivory makes up less than 50% of the overall volume of the item, and;</p> <p>d) The total weight of the ivory in the item does not exceed 200 grams, and;</p> <p>e) The item was made before the date that these guidelines are in effect (1 January 2021).</p>	<p>Not allowed; except for special permits which will be granted for these purposes only:</p> <p>Enforcement, or;</p> <p>Nature conservation, or;</p> <p>Scientific research, or;</p> <p>Frequent cross-border non-commercial movements of musical instruments containing ivory, in accordance with CITES Resolutions.</p>	<p>Grandfather clause allows keeping ivory that is already in one's possession on 1 January 2021.</p> <p>Non-commercial domestic trade or transfer is allowed by general permit.</p>
<p><b>Non-preconvention ivory,</b></p> <p>Any newer ivory from an elephant removed from the wild or born in captivity, more recently than the dates listed above.</p>	<p>Not allowed</p>	<p>Not allowed; except for special permits which will be granted for these purposes, only:</p> <p>Enforcement, or;</p> <p>Nature conservation, or;</p> <p>Scientific research.</p>	<p>Possession permit is granted only if the owner had legal acquisition before 1 January 2021.</p> <p>Non-commercial trade or transfer is not allowed, except for special permits which will be granted for these purposes, only:</p> <p>Enforcement, or;</p> <p>Nature conservation, or;</p> <p>Scientific research.</p>
<p><b>Mammoth ivory</b></p>	<p>Not allowed</p>	<p>Not allowed; except for special permits which will be granted for these purposes, only:</p> <p>Enforcement, or;</p> <p>Nature conservation, or;</p> <p>Scientific research.</p>	<p>Grandfather clause allows keeping ivory that is already in one's possession on 1 January 2021.</p> <p>Non-commercial domestic trade or transfer is allowed by general permit.</p>