



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2022/041

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CONCERNING:

NEW ZEALAND

Changes to New Zealand issued permits and certificates

1. This Notification is being published at the request of New Zealand.
2. The CITES Management Authority of New Zealand wishes to inform CITES parties of changes that will be made to New Zealand issued permits and certificates. These changes will take effect for permits and certificates issued from 24 May 2022 (NZ time) and are described below:

Use of security stamps

CITES-issued security stamps will no longer be affixed to New Zealand issued permits and certificates. All permits and certificates will continue to be printed on security paper and will continue to contain other security features such as embossed foil and wet stamp logos of the Department of Conservation.

Title of legislation

The title of the legislation under which New Zealand enacts its obligations under CITES will be amended to "Trade in Endangered Species Act". This appears in the top left of New Zealand issued permits and certificates. The year of enactment will no longer be stated.

Export/re-export endorsement of permits and certificates

Changes to the requirements for export/re-export endorsement of New Zealand issued permits and certificates will be made. These are based on the purpose of the trade as shown in the purpose code.

Permits and certificates with a purpose code "P" (Personal)

Export/re-export endorsement by the New Zealand Customs Service will not be required unless the New Zealand CITES Management Authority is aware that the destination country requires such endorsement on the document.

Where export/re-export endorsement is not required, this will be noted in the special conditions field of the permit or certificate.

Permits and certificates with all other purpose codes

Export/re-export endorsement by the New Zealand Customs Service will continue to be required.

3. Parties are invited to advise the New Zealand CITES Management Authority if under their national regulations, they require New Zealand issued export/re-export permits or certificates to be endorsed for the purpose legal importation into their territories.
4. Parties are invited to note that there may be a small number of legitimate New Zealand issued permits/certificates still in circulation after the abovementioned changes come into effect.
5. For further information on New Zealand CITES permits and certificates, or to verify the status of any New Zealand issued permit/certificate, please contact the New Zealand CITES Management Authority at cites@doc.govt.nz