NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

CITES Electronic Permitting Toolkit Version 3.0

1. The Notification is published by the Secretariat.

2. The CITES Electronic Permitting Toolkit Version 3.0 has been published on the CITES website and is available for download at: https://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/prog/e/cites_e-toolkit_latest.pdf.

3. The third version of the Toolkit is divided into two main parts – A Business View and a Developer View. The Business View is intended for the non-technical audience of the Management Authorities, as well as the developers of the system. It includes a general description of the CITES trade processes; a strategy for transitioning to a paperless system, an explanation of the integration with Single Windows and CITES Species+ Application Program Interface (API). The Developer View is mainly intended for developers. It focuses on the technical aspects of implementing an eCITES system.

4. The Annex (section 5) includes the technical specifications of the e-CITES permit data models based on the electronic message specifications of the United Nations Centre for Trade Facilitation and Electronic Business (UN/CEFACT) and the World Customs Organization (WCO). The Schemas and Class Diagrams of the Toolkit are also available for download in html file format for easy access for developers at:

   https://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/prog/e/toolkit/ePermit3_2023-02-06.zip

5. Interested Parties and stakeholders are encouraged to review the new Toolkit and implement it as appropriate. The links mentioned above are also available at: https://cites.org/eng/prog/eCITES. Any questions regarding the Toolkit can be directed to Mr. Salehin Khan (khan.salehin@un.org).