



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2023/093

Geneva, 27 July 2023

CONCERNING:

Consultation on the workshop on transport of live specimens

1. At the request of the Animals and Plants Committees and pursuant to Decision 19.158, the Secretariat invites Parties and experts in transport of live specimens to provide input and indicate their interest in the proposed workshop on transport of live specimens.
2. The primary aim of the workshop is to share best practices related to live animal and plant transport and to increase Parties' use of the *IATA Live Animal Regulations*, *IATA Perishable Cargo Regulations*, and the *CITES Guidelines for the Non-Air Transport of Live Wild Animals and Plants*.
3. The intention is to hold the workshop online in early 2024 with interpretation in the three working languages of the Convention to allow for broad participation. The workshop will use a mix of presentations and discussions among workshop participants and the instructors (experts with experience in the inspection, packing, and containment of live wildlife), as well as concrete questions and answers under each topic. The following topics have been suggested for the workshop so far as per document [PC26 Doc. 21 /AC32 Doc. 20](#):
 - a) understanding and using the IATA regulations and the *CITES Guidelines for the non-air transport of wild animals and plants*;
 - b) inspections and enforcement;
 - c) handling sick or dead specimens: live wildlife can receive immediate triage in the case of injured live specimens; and
 - d) temporary holding of wildlife before or after transport.
4. Parties are hereby requested to provide inputs on the following issues:
 - a) what additional topics or questions should be addressed at the workshop?
 - b) expressions of interest from experts that are interested in preparing materials or contributing their knowledge to this workshop about transport of live animals and plants.
5. Inputs should be sent to the Secretariat (info@cites.org) quoting the reference number of this Notification (No. 2023/093) at your earliest convenience and preferably **before 25 August 2023**.

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This will enable the Secretariat to incorporate any inputs in its document to be presented to the Standing Committee at its 77th meeting scheduled to take place on 6-10 November 2023.