



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

CANADA

Stricter domestic measures regarding the import and export of
elephant tusk (ivory) and rhinoceros horn

1. This Notification is being published at the request of Canada.
2. Canada wishes to inform the CITES Parties that, as of 8 January 2024, stricter domestic measures will be in place for elephant tusk (ivory) and rhinoceros' horn; for raw, worked, parts or products moving across its border:
 - a) A Canadian CITES import permit will be required for **all** imports of RAW elephant ivory or RAW rhinoceros' horn. The Canadian CITES import permit will be issued only for specimens that are destined for a museum, zoo, use in scientific research or for law enforcement activities. The import of RAW elephant ivory or RAW rhinoceros horn **in all other cases will not be permitted.**
 - b) The export of RAW elephant ivory or RAW rhinoceros' horn will **be permitted only** for specimens that are destined for a museum, zoo, use in scientific research or for law enforcement activities.
 - c) A Canadian CITES import permit will be required for **all** imports of specimens of WORKED elephant ivory or WORKED rhinoceros' horn, including those that are personal and household effects.
 - d) A Canadian CITES export permit will be required for **all** exports of specimens of WORKED elephant ivory or WORKED rhinoceros' horn. The personal or household effects exemption will not be allowed for these items.
 - e) Exhibitions or musicians travelling to Canada with a Travelling Exhibition Certificate or Musical Instrument Certificate will need to obtain an additional Canadian certificate to enter Canada.
3. For further information on these import and export restrictions, consult our website [Import and export of elephant tusk \(ivory\) and rhinoceros horn](#) or contact the Canadian CITES Management Authority at cites@ec.gc.ca.

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