



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

Online CITES workshop – Transport of live specimens

1. The Secretariat hereby informs Parties that the *CITES workshop on transport of live specimens* will be held online on Thursday 21 March 2024 from 13.00-15.00 and 16.00-18.00 CET.

Mandate

2. Decision 19.158 states that “*the Animals and Plants Committees, in consultation with the Standing Committee, the Secretariat, and the International Air Transport Association (IATA), shall hold a workshop to share best practices related to live animal and plant transport*”.

Target audience

3. Management Authorities, enforcement focal points, importers, exporters, representatives of non-governmental organizations and transporters are invited to participate in this workshop.

Objective

4. The objective of the workshop is to share best practices related to live animal and plant transport and to further the effective use by Parties of the [IATA Live Animal Regulations](#) (LAR), [IATA Perishable Cargo Regulations](#) (PCR), as well as the [CITES Guidelines for the Non-Air Transport of Live Wild Animals and Plants](#).

Expected deliverables

5. The expected deliverables of the workshop are the following:
 - a) improved understanding 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.
 - b) increased engagement and collaboration of Parties on the application of IATA Live Animal Regulations, IATA Perishable Cargo Regulations, and the CITES Guidelines for the Non-Air Transport of Live Wild Animals and Plants.
 - c) compilation of experiences and best practices of the Parties related to the transport of live animals and plants.

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Organization

6. The workshop will be convened on the Interactio online platform. Link to join the platform and a user guide will be made available to all registered participants in due course.
7. The workshop will be divided into two two-hour sessions with one hour in between based on the following schedule:

Thursday 21 March 2024: 13.00 – 15.00 and 16.00 – 18.00 CET

8. The workshop will start with presentations and video projections followed by questions and answers and discussions. Simultaneous interpretation in English, French and Spanish will be available. The workshop will be recorded and made available on the CITES YouTube channel.

Registration

9. Interested participants are invited to register online by **20 February 2024** using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/GLWW9EanL8>. Participation of women representatives is encouraged.
10. Subsequently, confirmation of participation will be communicated to the participants with the link to and the agenda of the workshop.
11. Participants, in particular Party representatives, are encouraged to indicate in the registration form if they would like to present good practices about transport of live specimens and application of IATA LAR, IATA PCR or the CITES Guidelines for the Non-Air Transport of Live Wild Animals and Plants.
12. Questions 10 and 11 in the registration form are for CITES Management Authorities only.
13. Should you have any questions regarding the workshop, please contact Mr. Salehin Khan (khan.salehin@cites.org) with copy to info@cites.org.