



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2024/083

Geneva, 26 July 2024

CONCERNING:

Use of phytosanitary certificates as certificates of artificial propagation

1. Any Party using phytosanitary certificates as certificates of artificial propagation are requested to inform the Secretariat of such use and to provide sample copies of the certificates, stamps, seals, etc., in accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP19).
2. In Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP19), paragraph 15, the Conference of the Parties:

15. RECOMMENDS that:

- a) any Party having considered the practices governing the issue of its phytosanitary certificates for export of artificially propagated Appendix-II specimens, and having determined that such practices provide adequate assurance that the specimens are artificially propagated [as defined in Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP18)], may consider these documents as certificates of artificial propagation in accordance with Article VII, paragraph 5. Such certificates must include the scientific name of the species and the type and quantity of the specimens and bear a stamp, seal or their electronic equivalent, or other specific indication stating that the specimens are artificially propagated as defined by CITES;*
- b) any Party using phytosanitary certificates as certificates of artificial propagation inform the Secretariat and provide copies of the certificates, stamps, seals, etc. that are used; and*
- c) phytosanitary certificates be used exclusively for the purpose of export from the country of artificial propagation of the specimens concerned, and*

16. INSTRUCTS the Secretariat to notify the Parties when any Party confirms that it issues phytosanitary certificates for export of artificially propagated plants of Appendix-II species.

3. The list of Parties that use phytosanitary certificates as certificates of artificial propagation is maintained by the Secretariat on the CITES website, at the following address: https://cites.org/eng/imp/Exemptions_and_special_procedures. Currently, the following Parties have indicated that they issue phytosanitary certificates to authorize the export of artificially propagated specimens of Appendix-II plant species: Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Canada, Germany, Hong Kong, SAR (China), Italy, Netherlands, Republic of Korea, Singapore and Sweden.

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4. Parties not mentioned above that are using phytosanitary certificates are requested to inform the Secretariat of such use and to provide sample copies of the certificates, stamps, seals, etc., in accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP19). Parties are invited to also provide additional information or requirements related to the use of phytosanitary certificates, such as specific taxa or specific authorities competent to issue the phytosanitary certificates.
5. Parties are invited to submit the information by email with the subject line “Notification 2024/083 *Use of phytosanitary certificates as certificates of artificial propagation*” to info@cites.org with a copy to Penelope.Benn@cites.org by **31 August 2024**.
6. Parties that intend to use such certificates in the future or to cease using them – or have ceased using them, are also requested to inform the Secretariat in advance so that the list of Parties referred to in paragraph 3 above can be maintained up to date.
7. Copies of the certificates that have been provided by the Parties can be viewed by staff of CITES Management Authorities and Enforcement Authorities (with a login) on the country profiles on the CITES website: <https://cites.org/eng/parties/country-profiles>.
8. This Notification replaces and invalidates Notification to the Parties No. 2011/056 of 9 December 2011.