

NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2025/015

Geneva, 18 February 2025

CONCERNING:

CITES-WCO online Workshop on Risk Assessment and Inspections
for CITES Trade Controls

1. The Secretariat hereby informs Parties that the *CITES WCO Workshop on Risk Assessment and Inspections for CITES Trade Controls* will be held online on 17 March 2025 from 1400-1600 Central European Time (CET).

Mandate

2. At its 19th meeting (CoP19; Panama City, 2022), the Conference of Parties adopted Decision 19.154 on *Risk assessment and analysis for border control*, and Decision 19.152, paragraph a), on *Electronic systems and information technology*, as follows:

Directed to the Secretariat

19.154 *The Secretariat shall, subject to available resources, work with the World Customs Organization and other partners to develop guidance, including a specific guidance for a risk-based analysis related to the process of analysis and inspection under CITES permit issuing systems, and elements for a national policy on physical inspections and present its report and recommendations to the Standing Committee.*

Directed to the Secretariat

19.152 *The Secretariat shall, subject to the availability of external funding:*

- a) *undertake a study on the information used by different Parties in a risk-based approach for CITES trade controls*
3. As reported in document [SC78 Doc.52](#) at the 78th meeting of the Standing Committee, and pursuant to the above Decisions, the Secretariat, in collaboration with the World Customs Organization (WCO) and with funding from the European Union, initiated a study and developed a draft guidance on risk assessment and inspections for CITES trade controls.
4. The draft guidance is now available for review by the Parties and will be presented at the online workshop on 17 March for further discussion. In the meantime, interested Management Authorities willing to review the draft guidance are invited to send an email to

khan.salehin@cites.org, with subject line: "Expression of interest to review the draft guidance on risk assessment and Inspections [Country Name]".

Target audience

5. The online workshop is targeted at the representatives from the Management Authorities, enforcement focal points and relevant international organizations and experts on the subject matter.

Organization

6. The workshop will be organized online through the Interactio platform. Link to join the platform and an user guide will be made available to all registered participants in due course.
7. The workshop will take place from 1400 - 1600, 17 March 2025.
8. The workshop will use presentations followed by questions and answers and discussions. Simultaneous interpretation in English, French and Spanish will be available.

Registration

9. Interested participants are invited to register online by 10 March 2025 using the following link: <https://forms.office.com/e/aibUcUSyZ1> or scanning the QR code below –



10. Subsequently, confirmation of participation will be communicated to the participants. Participation of women representatives is encouraged. For questions related to registration, please write to Ms Panida Charotok (panida.charotok@cites.org).