INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP
ON CITES LEGAL ACQUISITION FINDINGS

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13 to 15 June, 2018

Centre de Conférences Albert Borschette (CCAB)
Rue Froissart 36
Brussels, Belgium

PRELIMINARY AGENDA
(draft)

FIRST DAY  Wednesday, June 13th

08:00 - 09:00  Registration of participants

09:00 - 09:45  Opening of the meeting

Joanna Drake, Deputy Director-General, European Commission
Gerhard Dieterle, ITTO Executive Director
David Morgan, OiC CITES Secretariat

09:45 - 10:00  Objectives of the workshop – *Juan Carlos Vasquez, CITES Secretariat*

10:00 - 10:30  Results of the questionnaire on Legal Acquisition Findings (LAFs) – *Sofie H. Flensborg, CITES Secretariat*

   i. Institutional and legal bases
   ii. Methodology and standards
   iii. Practical tools
   iv. Forensic tools
   v. Main challenges

10:30-10:45  Break

10:45 - 11:30  Introduction to the concept of legality in CITES and the Legal Acquisition Findings (LAFs) – *Juan Carlos Vasquez, CITES Secretariat*

11:30 - 12:00  Fraudulent documents used to ‘demonstrate’ legal acquisition – (Representative of the United States)

12:00 - 12:30  Due diligence and compliance risk assessments – (SGS Société Générale de Surveillance SA - TBC)
12:30 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 - 16:00 Examples of practical steps towards the making of legal acquisition findings of specimens of CITES-listed species entering international trade:

A. Verifying the legal acquisition of specimens of CITES-listed tree species; 
   Representatives of EU, China and FAO

B. Verifying the legal acquisition of specimens introduced from the sea; 
   Representatives of Belize and Costa Rica

C. Verifying the legal acquisition of specimens of terrestrial animal species sourced in the wild – Representatives of Colombia, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Namibia

D. Verifying the legal acquisition of finished products of CITES-listed species; 
   Representatives of Italy, Spain and the United States of America

16h00-16h15 Coffee break

16:15 - 17:00 E. Verifying the legal acquisition of the founder stock of captive-bred CITES listed species – Representatives of Bolivia, Germany and Thailand

17:00 -17:30 Conclusions of the day and preparations for the second day

   Evening reception – offered by the Government of Belgium

SECOND DAY                  Thursday, 14th June

9:00 - 10:15 Working groups to develop practical guidance for the making of Legal Acquisition findings for different categories of specimens of CITES-listed species entering international trade:

   a. Specimens of tree-listed species
   b. Specimens introduced from the sea
   c. Specimens of terrestrial species (i. sourced in the wild; ii. founder-stock of captive bred CITES-listed species, and iii. finished products made from CITES specimens previously traded)

10:15-10:30 Break

10:30 - 12:30 Working groups to develop practical guidance for the making of Legal Acquisition findings for different categories of specimens of CITES-listed species entering international trade (continuation).

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch
14:00 - 15:00  Presentation of the results of the Working Groups: findings and main recommendations

15:00 - 16:00  Legal and regulatory elements to take into consideration prior to the making of the LAFs: Appendix I (Definition of primarily commercial purposes), Appendix II, Appendix III, annotations, pre-convention, personal effects, reservations, quotas, hunting trophies, itinerary exhibitions, simplified procedures, appropriate and acceptable destinations, special provisions for hunting trophies, musical instruments, falcon passports, etc.

**16:00-16:15  Break**

16:15 - 17:30  The supporting role that NGOs and civil society might play in the making of legal acquisition findings
*Representatives of CIEL, Defenders of Wildlife, EIA, WCS and WWF*

**THIRD DAY  Friday, 15th June**

9:00 - 9:30  UN/CEFACT Standards: recommendations, technical specifications and other guidance material

9:30 - 10:15  Identification of key common elements/steps for the making of legal acquisition findings

**10:15-10:30  Break**

10:30 - 12:30  Development of practical guidance for the making of Legal Acquisition findings

**12:30 – 14:00  Lunch**

14:00 - 16:30  Preparation of a proposal for further guidance for verifying the legal acquisition of specimens of CITES-listed species for the consideration of the Standing Committee

16:30 - 17:30  Conclusions of the meeting - Closing remarks

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