

CONVENTION ON INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN ENDANGERED SPECIES
OF WILD FAUNA AND FLORA



Twenty-third meeting of the Animals Committee
Geneva, (Switzerland), 19-24 April 2008

TRANSPORT OF LIVE ANIMALS (AGENDA ITEM 16)

Membership (as decided by the Committee)

Chairman: Andreas Kaufmann, Austria

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Eric Raemdonck, IATA

Laura van der Meer, International Environmental Resources sprl

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Cecilia Gasparrou, Fundación Cethus

Manuel Jardinel, Birds International

Gerald Dick, World Association of Zoos and Aquariums

Adam Roberts, Born Free USA

Milena Sosa Schmidt, CITES Secretariat

Mandate

Decide on the actions needed to implement the instructions in paragraphs 2 and 3 of document AC23 Doc. 16; and set a schedule for this work.

Recommendations

The Transport Working Group (TWG) recommends that:

1. The Chair of the TWG, who will participate in meetings of the Live Animal and Perishables Board of IATA on behalf of Austria, be mandated also to monitor such meetings on behalf of the Animals Committee, as directed in Resolution Conf. 10.21 (Rev. CoP14) paragraph (a), and report on developments to the TWG at AC24.

2. The CITES Secretariat be asked to provide funding to support the Chair of the TWG to monitor, on behalf of the Animals Committee, as directed in Decision 14.59 paragraph 3(a), regular meetings of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission, and that the TWG assess the utility of such participation to its work.
3. The Chair and other members of the TWG participate in ongoing reviews of the OIE Guidelines for the Transport of Animals by Sea and the OIE Guidelines for the Transport of Animals by Land.
4. The CITES Secretariat send a notification to the Parties:
 - a) Requesting Parties interested in receiving a current IATA Live Animal Regulation Manual and CD rom (available October 2008) to indicate their interest to the TWG Chairman to facilitate the TWG's assessment of the level of interest and funds that would be required to meet the demand. The TWG will consider possible sources of funds to facilitate Parties' access to these materials; and
 - b) Providing contact information of IATA Manager for Special Cargoes of Live Animals and Perishables (Eric Raemdonck) to Parties to facilitate inquiries concerning opportunities and options for training on compliance with IATA Live Animal Regulations.
5. The CITES Secretariat send a notification to Parties requesting Parties to send to the TWG Chairman information concerning regularly occurring cases of high mortality of live specimens including available information corresponding to the items listed in Annex 1. The TWG will consider such information, seek to identify likely causes of mortality, and, where possible, for purposes of assisting Parties, make recommendations to address the identified problem.
6. The TWG work intersessionally on a scoping exercise to determine the need for and feasibility of creating CITES guidelines on transport of live animals by land and/or sea as a supplement to the IATA Live Animal Regulations, taking into account OIE Guidelines and any other existing guidance documents and calling upon experts from WAZA and other organizations to contribute. Depending on the outcome of the scoping exercise, the TWG proceed with development of such guidelines or prepare a request for funding for this work by an external consultant for consideration by the Animals Committee.

Annex 1

GENERAL INFORMATION

Date of shipment
Country of export
Transit country
Country of Import
Exporter
Importer
Transport company(ies)
Routing details including mode(s) of transport and flight numbers
Other information regarding transport details of carrier (for land/sea transport: model of vehicle, license number, etc.)
Name, qualification and affiliation of any accompanying individuals

DOCUMENTS

CITES permit information
Export / Import license information
Transit permits
Health certifications
Air waybill/bill of lading information
Other special instructions (food, water, medication)

SPECIMENS IN SHIPMENT

Species (scientific and common name)
Identification (microchip, legband, etc.)
Number of individuals (by species)
Number dead on arrival (by species)
Veterinary care record before or during shipment, including records of sedatives or other medicines
Post-mortem report (including necropsy if performed) for deceased specimens

CONTAINER

IATA container requirement numbers
Full description of container (including picture, ventilation, dimensions, construction materials, bedding, food and water, etc.)

General description of incident, suspected problems, etc.:

Date:

Contact information of Management Authority submitting the report: