

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



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TRANSPORT OF LIVE ANIMALS

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat.
2. In relation to the transport of live animals, the Conference of the Parties has given a number of instructions to the Animals Committee, working in consultation with the Secretariat. In Resolution Conf.10.21 (Rev. CoP14) the Committee, is directed to:
 - a) *participate in meetings of the Live Animals and Perishables Board of IATA in order to amplify or update the Live Animals Regulations and the Perishable Cargo Regulations;*
 - b) *examine new or additional references for transport of live specimens for incorporation into the present Resolution, if appropriate;*
 - c) *examine developments related to the transport of live plant specimens for incorporation into the present Resolution, if appropriate; and*
 - d) *examine regularly high mortality shipments of live specimens and make recommendations to relevant Parties, exporters, importers and transport companies on how to avoid this in the future.*
3. Furthermore, in Decision 14.59, the Conference of the Parties has also instructed the Animals Committee inter alia to:
 - a) *participate in the regular meetings of the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Standards Commission and in the ongoing reviews of the OIE Guidelines for the Transport of Animals by Sea, the OIE Guidelines for the Transport of Animals by Land and, if appropriate, the OIE Guidelines for the Transport of Animals by Air;*
 - b) *collaborate with OIE in the development of its Web portal with information on national regulations and other guidelines applicable to modes of transport for live animals other than by air, and verify its pertinence to the CITES Parties;*
 - c) *examine new or additional references for transport of live animals;*
 - e) *report on the implementation of this decision at the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties including, where appropriate, proposals to amend the Resolution on Transport of live specimens.*
4. For the information of the Committee, the Secretariat has provided a link to order the 34th edition of the Live Animals Regulations (effective from 1 October 2007 until 30 September 2008) and the 7th

edition of the Perishable Cargo Manual (effective from 1 July 2007 until 30 June 2008) on the CITES website (<http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/publications.shtml#iata1>).

5. Through the Secretariat, CITES was invited by IATA to participate in the 19th meeting of its Live Animals and Perishables Board [Montreal, (Canada), 23-25 October 2007] and to be a member of a newly established Live Animals and Perishables Board Advisory Panel. After consulting the Chairmen of the Animals and Plants Committees, the Secretariat indicated that for financial and personnel reasons, it was unable to accept these invitations. The next meeting of the Live Animals and Perishables Board will take place in spring 2008 and there will be another opportunity to nominate a representative to the Live Animals and Perishables Board Advisory Panel in late 2009 as members are selected for a two-year term.
6. The Committee is invited to decide on the actions needed to implement the instructions in paragraphs 2 and 3 above and a schedule for this work.