



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2006/041

Geneva, 28 June 2006

CONCERNING:

Personal and household effects

1. The preamble to Resolution Conf. 13.7 (Control of trade in personal and household effects), adopted at the 13th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP13, Bangkok, 2004), states that effective implementation of the Resolution "will be strengthened by a clarification of the measures taken by Parties in accordance with Article XIV, paragraph 1", i.e. stricter domestic measures.
2. Decision 13.71, also adopted at CoP13, directs the Standing Committee, in consultation with the Secretariat, Parties and relevant organizations, to:

develop a process for consideration of specimens of personal and household effects of Appendix-II species which may need to have quantitative limits set to be exempted from permitting requirements according to Article VII, paragraph 3, of the Convention at the 14th meeting of the Conference of the Parties.
3. During its 53rd meeting (Geneva, June – July 2005), the Standing Committee established a Working Group on Personal and Household Effects to assist with implementation of Decision 13.71.
4. In Notification to the Parties No. 2005/016 of 22 March 2005 on Party-specific information, the Secretariat reminded Parties of the need to advise it whether export permits are needed for the movement of personal effects of Appendix-II species. The information received to date has been posted on the CITES website under Resources / Reference lists.
5. The Secretariat urges Parties that have not yet done so to provide information on their legislation or practice regarding personal and household effects. The information received will be provided to the Working Group on Personal and Household Effects and posted on the CITES website.