



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2011/010

Geneva, 19 January 2011

CONCERNING:

DJIBOUTI

Reissue of a recommendation to suspend trade

National legislation

1. The Secretariat published in Notification to the Parties No. 2006/073 of 14 December 2006 a recommendation of the Standing Committee to suspend trade with Djibouti, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia and Rwanda for their failure to provide written indication of legislative progress. This recommendation was later withdrawn for all those countries except Djibouti with Notifications No. 2008/071 and 2010/004. The present Notification is a reissue of the part of the recommendation that remains in effect and replaces all the Notifications mentioned above.
2. In paragraph d) of Decision 12.83, the Secretariat was directed to:
report to the Standing Committee on Parties' progress in enacting legislation and, if necessary, recommend the adoption of appropriate compliance measures, including suspension of trade pursuant to the decisions taken at the 46th meeting of the Standing Committee.
3. Parties were given deadlines by which adequate legislation should be enacted. The deadlines were extended by the Standing Committee at its 45th (Paris, June 2001) and 46th (Geneva, March 2002) meetings.
4. At the 49th meeting of the Standing Committee (Geneva, April 2003), the Secretariat reported that no information on legislative progress had been provided by Djibouti. The Committee instructed the Secretariat to issue a formal caution:
 - a) warning Djibouti that it was in non-compliance with Decision 12.83; and
 - b) requesting that a CITES Legislation Plan be submitted to the Secretariat as a matter of urgency so as to inform the Secretariat on the progress to date and on the steps required to meet the 31 December 2003 deadline for the enactment of adequate legislation in accordance with Decision 12.83.
5. At the 50th meeting of the Standing Committee (Geneva, March 2004), the Secretariat reported that it had issued a formal caution (that included a sample CITES Legislation Plan) in July 2003 to Djibouti, with copies to permanent missions and regional representatives to the Standing Committee. It further reported that Djibouti had not provided the Secretariat with information showing adequate legislative progress or good cause for the lack of adequate progress.
6. The Committee agreed to review at its 51st meeting the legislative progress of Djibouti provided that a revised CITES Legislation Plan or draft legislation or enacted legislation was received from them by the Secretariat by 13 April 2004. It instructed the Secretariat to issue a Notification recommending a suspension of commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species with Djibouti if the Secretariat did not receive a revised CITES Legislation Plan or draft legislation or enacted legislation.

7. Despite providing additional reminders, the Secretariat has not received a revised CITES Legislation Plan or draft legislation or enacted legislation from Djibouti.

Recommendation

8. The Secretariat therefore informs Parties that, pursuant to Decision 12.81 [continued in Resolution Conf. 8.4 (Rev. CoP15), the Standing Committee recommends that they suspend commercial trade in specimens of CITES-listed species to and from Djibouti until further notice.
9. Parties are reminded that the complete [list of Parties subject to a recommendation to suspend trade](#) is available on the CITES website under *Official documents*.