



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



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NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

JAPAN

Import of Live Animals

1. The Management Authority of Japan has asked the CITES Secretariat to send to the Parties a copy of the letter it has addressed to the Management Authorities of all Parties on 1 July 1992. The contents of the letter are self-explanatory.
2. The Secretariat urges all Parties to help Japan to implement its new policy on the import of live animals, by answering quickly any request for confirmation of export permits.



MINISTRY OF INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND INDUSTRY
JAPANESE GOVERNMENT

July 1, 1992

To the Management Authorities of the Parties,

The Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), the Management Authority of Japan, has decided to strengthen its implementation of CITES from July 1, 1992. Concretely, MITI plans to strengthen the management of live animal trade as a result of the recent increase in trade of live animals with false export permits.


From July 1, 1992, importers in Japan of live animals must receive confirmation from MITI on export permits before importing animals into Japan.

MITI will check a copy of the export permit before exportation of live animals to Japan more strictly. In case MITI find suspicious export permits, MITI will contact the Management Authority of the exporting country, and ask them whether they have issued the export permits.

Therefore, MITI hopes that the Management Authority of the Parties will reply quickly to the inquiry of MITI. I sincerely ask for your kind cooperation in order to implement the Convention more efficiently.

Thank you for your cooperation in advance.

Sincerely,


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