



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

List of valid Notifications

1. The Secretariat hereby provides a list of all Notifications to the Parties that remain valid on 1 January 2006.
2. During the process of updating the list, the Secretariat seeks to minimize as much as possible the number of valid Notifications. The main criterion that the Secretariat uses in deciding whether any Notification should be deleted is whether it contains information that a new Party would need to receive, thus:
 - a) Notifications that are clearly out of date are deleted from the list;
 - b) Notifications providing information at the request of individual Parties are deleted if they are obviously no longer valid or when the Party in question has agreed to the deletion;
 - c) Notifications with information about forthcoming meetings are deleted only if the meeting in question has taken place; and
 - d) Notifications entitled 'Transmission of documents' and 'Updates to the CITES Directory and Registers' are automatically deleted from the list after the following despatch. Similarly, any Notification that effectively serves as a note of transmission for certain documentation, and that would not need to be communicated to new Parties, may be deleted from the list, even if the documentation referred to remains valid.
3. The list of valid Notifications on the CITES website (<http://www.cites.org>) is updated regularly but not as thoroughly as when it is revised at the end of the year.
4. The Secretariat urges the Parties to ensure that it is informed when the information in Notifications to the Parties relating to them ceases to be valid.