OVERVIEW: Some CITES items may be exempt from permit requirements if they are from a CITES Party with an exemption and if they qualify as “personal and household effects”.

The following flowchart can be used to assess how to process items that may be personal and household effects:

1. Was the specimen declared, and did it come from a CITES Party that has a personal effects exemption?
   - Countries with exemption: Canada, Hong Kong, Mexico, S. Africa, US (not ivory or whale items)
   - Countries without a personal effects exemption: China, Indonesia, Japan, Russia

2. Is the specimen: (1) on the person, in their baggage, or part of a household move; (2) legally acquired; and (2) for non-commercial purposes?
   - Yes – In what Appendix is the item listed?
   - If not, and there is no paperwork, seize and forward to DOC

3. If no paperwork with consignment, seize and forward to DOC

4. Any other Appendix-I item
   - Permits not required

5. Any other Appendix-II item
   - Permit not required. Check to see if quantitative exemption applies (see CITES Wiki)

6. Any other Appendix-III item
   - Permits not required

7. Any other item
   - Permits required. If no permits, seize and forward to DOC.