

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



Fifty-seventh meeting of the Standing Committee
Geneva (Switzerland), 14-18 July 2008

Interpretation and implementation of the Convention

Exemptions and special trade provisions

PERSONAL AND HOUSEHOLD EFFECTS

1. This document has been prepared by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Chairman of the Working Group on Personal and Household Effects.
2. At its 14th meeting (The Hague, 2007), the Conference of the Parties adopted the following decision directed to the Standing Committee:
 - 14.64 *The Standing Committee shall extend the operation of its Working Group on Personal and Household Effects until the 15th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP15) and oversee the Group's work in fulfilling the following terms of reference:*
 - a) *clarify the relationship between 'tourist souvenirs' and 'personal and household effects';*
 - b) *clarify the interpretation of Article VII, paragraph 3 (b), of the Convention;*
 - c) *assess whether there are specific species or types of personal or household effects which, in view of conservation concerns, would require different treatment under Resolution Conf. 13.7 (Rev. CoP14);*
 - d) *collate information about how each Party has implemented Resolution Conf. 13.7 (Rev. CoP14), particularly with regard to requirements for export permits, and assess whether this indicates the need to amend the Resolution; and*
 - e) *report at each regular meeting of the Standing Committee until CoP15 and at CoP15.*
3. Through email, the Working Group has begun discussing how to fulfil its terms of reference. Its discussions have been assisted by a set of questions that were developed by the Chairman, in consultation with the Secretariat. So far, no issue has arisen on which the Working Group might need clarification or advice from the Standing Committee.
4. The Working Group will report on the results of its discussions at the 58th meeting of the Standing Committee.