NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2007/041

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CONCERNING:

Register of licensed exporters and of processing and repackaging plants
for specimens of sturgeon and paddlefish species

1. In Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP14) on Conservation of and trade in sturgeons and paddlefish, the Conference of the Parties recommends that:

   a) range States license legal exporters of specimens of sturgeon and paddlefish species and maintain a register of such persons or companies and provide a copy of this register to the Secretariat. The register should be updated when changes occur and communicated to the Secretariat without delay. The Secretariat should distribute this information via a Notification to the Parties and include it in its register on the CITES website;

   b) each importing, exporting and re-exporting Party establish, where consistent with national law, a registration system for caviar processing plants, including aquaculture operations, and repackaging plants in its territory and provide to the Secretariat the list of these facilities and their official registration codes. The list should be updated when changes occur and communicated to the Secretariat without delay. The Secretariat should distribute this information via a Notification to the Parties and include it in its register on the CITES website.

2. The Secretariat has compiled the information mentioned above in one single register which is available on the CITES website under 'Reference lists / Trade in sturgeons and paddlefish' in the 'Resources' section. Parties concerned by Resolution Conf. 12.7 (Rev. CoP14) are invited to verify the accuracy and completeness of the information provided in the register and to notify the Secretariat of any change that should be made so that it can be kept up to date.

3. In future, the Secretariat will not issue Notifications to the Parties with every update of the register but it will advertise such changes on its website and send out email alerts. To receive such alerts, Parties that have not yet done so should subscribe to the email alert system accessible from the CITES website homepage.