



## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

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CONCERNING:

### Use of phytosanitary certificates as certificates of artificial propagation

1. In Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP15), section VII, the Conference of the Parties:

*Recommends that:*

- a) *any Party having considered the practices governing the issue of its phytosanitary certificates for export of artificially propagated Appendix-II specimens, and having determined that such practices provide adequate assurance that the specimens are artificially propagated [as defined in Resolution Conf. 11.11 (Rev. CoP15)], may consider these documents as certificates of artificial propagation in accordance with Article VII, paragraph 5. Such certificates must include the scientific name of the species and the type and quantity of the specimens and bear a stamp, seal or their electronic equivalent, or other specific indication stating that the specimens are artificially propagated as defined by CITES;*
- b) *any Party using phytosanitary certificates as certificates of artificial propagation inform the Secretariat and provide copies of the certificates, stamps, seals, etc. that are used; and*
- c) *phytosanitary certificates be used exclusively for the purpose of export from the country of artificial propagation of the specimens concerned, and*

*Instructs the Secretariat to notify the Parties when any Party confirms that it issues phytosanitary certificates for export of artificially propagated plants of Appendix-II species.*

2. The information that was received from the Parties regarding the use of phytosanitary certificates was previously published by the Secretariat in Notifications to the Parties. The last one on this subject was Notification to the Parties No. 1999/22 of 12 March 1999. However, information received by the Secretariat indicates that this Notification was no longer correct. It has therefore been marked as invalid.
3. The list of Parties that use phytosanitary certificates as certificates of artificial propagation is now maintained by the Secretariat on the "Reference lists" section of the CITES website, at the following URL: <http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/reference.php#phyto>.
4. Copies of the certificates that have been provided by the Parties can be viewed by staff of CITES Management Authorities and Enforcement Authorities in the Forum section of the website that is dedicated to these authorities.
5. Parties that use phytosanitary certificates as certificates of artificial propagation are requested to inform the Secretariat of such use as soon as possible and to provide sample copies of the certificates, stamps, seals, etc., in accordance with Resolution Conf. 12.3 (Rev. CoP15). Parties that intend to use such certificates in the future or to cease using them, are also requested to inform the Secretariat in advance so that the list of Parties referred to in paragraph 3 above can be maintained up to date.