

PROHIBITIONS AND RESTRICTIONS CONCERNING ENDANGERED SPECIES AND WILDLIFE

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1. INTRODUCTION

CITES is the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora. The purpose of this Convention is to protect endangered species of fauna and flora and this is carried out by the implementation of controls on international trade in specimens of these species.

The competent authority in Ireland with responsibility for CITES is the National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) of the Department of Arts, Heritage and the Gaeltacht. Revenue's role relates to possible intervention and control at points of importation and exportation.

2. LEGISLATION

[CITES Convention](#)

[Regulation \(EC\) No 338/97](#) on the protection of species of wild fauna and flora by regulating trade therein; and its [amendments](#)

[Wildlife Act, 1976](#) as amended

Customs Act 2015

Customs Act 1956

3. PERMITS AND CERTIFICATES

CITES regulation and control of international trade in various endangered species is based on a system of licences, authorisations and permits. In this regard, the competent authority issues permits, certificates or licences for the import, export or re-export of the species in question. These documents must then be presented to customs before consignments can be imported, exported or re-exported.

The National Parks and Wildlife Service (NPWS) is the competent authority in Ireland with responsibility for the issuing of CITES permits and certificates. A sample permit can be found in the [ANNEX I](#) to this manual.

4. ACTION BY CUSTOMS

Where a CITES licence, permit or certificate is presented to Customs, officers should:

- ensure that the licence presented is valid and that it relates to the specific species being imported / exported / re-exported;
- endorse the licence with the official station stamp;
- return the licence to the importer/exporter where it has not been exhausted, and
- retain the licence, where it has been exhausted, and return it to The National Parks and Wildlife Service.

If a customs officer suspects that goods are being exported or imported in contravention of CITES, the consignment should be detained and staff should contact the national CITES liaison officer, Mark Newman, see section 8 for contact information.

5. DESIGNATED POINTS OF ENTRY AND EXIT

Under the Wildlife Act, 1976 and Wildlife (Amendment) Act, 2000 species covered under the CITES Convention can only be imported from or exported to third countries through the designated ports or airports listed in [ANNEX II](#)

6. RISK INFORMATION FORM

The Risk Information Form (RIF), which is part of Customs Risk Management System (CRMS) should be used by staff to inform other EU Customs authorities of any irregularities which have come to light in respect of the import or export of goods in contravention of the CITES Convention. For further information staff should contact:

Email: customsriskunitgroup@revenue.ie

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7. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

CITES website - <http://cites.org/>

CITES species database - <http://www.cites.org/eng/resources/species.html>

8. CONTACT INFORMATION

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ANNEX I

Sample permit/certificate

EUROPEAN UNION				
ORIGINAL	1. Exporter/Re-exporter	PERMIT/CERTIFICATE <input type="checkbox"/> IMPORT <input type="checkbox"/> EXPORT <input type="checkbox"/> RE-EXPORT <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:	No 2. Last day of validity:	
	3. Importer	Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora		
		4. Country of (re)-export		
		5. Country of import		
1	6. Authorized location for live specimens of Annex A species	7. Issuing Management Authority		
	8. Description of specimens (incl. marks, sex/date of birth for live animals)	9. Net mass (kg)		10. Quantity
		11. CITES Appendix	12. EU Annex	13. Source
		14. Purpose		
		15. Country of origin		
		16. Permit No	17. Date of issue	
		18. Country of last re-export		
		19. Certificate No	20. Date of issue	
		21. Scientific name of species		
22. Common name of species				
23. Special conditions				
This permit/certificate is only valid if live animals are transported in compliance with the CITES Guidelines for the Transport and Preparation for Shipment of Live Wild Animals or, in the case of air transport, the Live Animals Regulations published by the International Air Transport Association (IATA)				
	24. The (re)-export documentation from the country of (re)-export <input type="checkbox"/> has been surrendered to the issuing authority <input type="checkbox"/> has to be surrendered to the border customs office of introduction <div style="border: 1px solid black; height: 30px; width: 150px; margin: 5px 0;"></div>	25. The <input type="checkbox"/> importation <input type="checkbox"/> exportation <input type="checkbox"/> re-exportation of the goods described above is hereby permitted. Signature and official stamp: Name of issuing official: Place and date of issue:		
	26. Bill of Lading / Air Waybill Number:	Signature and official stamp: Customs document Type: Number: Date:		
27. For customs use only				
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ANNEX II

Designated Customs Offices for CITES

Live Animals	Live Plants	Timber	Parts and Derivatives
Dublin Airport (Registered Equidae ONLY) Shannon Airport (Registered Equidae and Hoofed mammals ONLY) NOTE: Other Live animals must firstly be checked at another Member State prior to their introduction.	Dublin Airport Shannon Airport Cork Airport Cork Port Dublin Port	Cork Port Dublin Port Drogheda Port Dundalk Port Foynes Port Greenore Port Limerick Port Wicklow Port	Cork Airport Dublin Airport Shannon Airport Cork Port Dublin Port