

NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2017/010

Geneva, 26 January 2017

CONCERNING:

Reservations on Appendices I and II

1. The Depository Government (Government of Switzerland) has informed the Secretariat that in relation to Article XV, paragraph 3, of the Convention, the following reservations were entered with respect to the amendments to Appendices I and II adopted at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties (CoP17, Johannesburg, 2016):

Party	Species (inclusion in Appendix II)	Date received by the Depository
Indonesia	<i>Dalbergia</i> spp. (Rosewoods and palisanders, Bois de rose et palissandres, Palos de rosa y palisandros)	29 November 2016
Japan	<i>Carcharhinus falciformis</i> (Silky shark, Requin soyeux, Tiburón sedoso)	20 December 2016
	<i>Alopias</i> spp. (Thresher sharks, Requins-renards, Tiburones zorro)	
India	<i>Dalbergia</i> spp. (Rosewoods and palisanders, Bois de rose et palissandres, Palos de rosa y palisandros)	27 December 2016
Switzerland	<i>Beaucarnea</i> spp. (Ponytail palm, Beaucarnea, Palma monja)	29 December 2016
Guyana*	<i>Carcharhinus falciformis</i> (Silky shark, Requin soyeux, Tiburón sedoso)	12 January 2017
	<i>Alopias</i> spp. (Thresher sharks, Requins-renards, Tiburones zorro)	
Guatemala*	<i>Beaucarnea</i> spp. (Ponytail palm, Beaucarnea, Palma monja)	17 January 2017
	Species (transfer from Appendix II to Appendix I)	
Saudi Arabia	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i> (African grey parrot, Perroquet gris, Loro gris africano)	21 November 2016
Democratic Republic of the Congo	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i> (African grey parrot, Perroquet gris, Loro gris africano)	9 December 2016
United Arab Emirates	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i> (African grey parrot, Perroquet gris, Loro gris africano)	29 December 2016

<i>Kuwait*</i>	<i>Psittacus erithacus</i> (African grey parrot, Perroquet gris, Loro gris africano)	12 January 2017
	All amendments to Appendices I and II of the Convention adopted at CoP17	
<i>Canada*</i>	All species	4 January 2017
* Although these reservations were received after the deadline set out in the Convention, the Depositary Government has indicated that in keeping with the practice followed by other depositaries in similar cases, it intends to consider these reservation as received, if there is no objection from any CITES Party by 24 April 2017.		

2. Indonesia's reservation on the inclusion of *Dalbergia* spp. in Appendix II, is made until 4 July 2017 and will therefore be considered as withdrawn automatically as from 5 July 2017.
3. Notice of these reservations was communicated officially to the signatory and acceding States to the Convention through a Notification from the Depositary Government.
4. The above-listed reservations were all effective from 2 January 2017, the date on which the amendments to the CITES Appendices adopted at CoP17 entered into force with the exception of those indicated with an asterisk (*), which will only enter into force on 24 April 2017, provided that no objections are received by the Depositary Government.
5. The current list of specific reservations entered by Parties is available on the CITES website under "Documents / Reservations", at the following URL:

<http://www.cites.org/eng/app/reserve.php>
6. The Secretariat has exchanged letters with the Depositary Government regarding the practice of receiving late reservations under certain conditions. This practice is to propose to the Parties to receive late reservations for deposit in the absence of any objection on the part of any of the Parties within a given deadline, either to the deposit itself or to the procedure envisaged. The Secretariat, in consultation with the Depositary Government, will bring this issue to the attention of the Standing Committee at its next meeting to seek clarification.