

**Short Summary of Conclusions of the**  
**22<sup>nd</sup> MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE ON TRADE IN WILD**  
**FAUNA AND FLORA<sup>1</sup>**

**Brussels, 10 January 2002**

1. The agenda was adopted.
2. The summary of conclusions of the 20<sup>th</sup> meeting was adopted.
3. **Outstanding Action Points**  
  
All Outstanding Action Points were maintained.
4. **Prospects for CITES IN 2002. Intervention by Willem Wijnstekers, CITES Secretary General**

The Committee took note with interest of the statements of Mr Wijnstekers on

- the scheme of the Secretariat to promote ratification of the Gaborone Amendment, in collaboration with the Commission and interested Member States;
- the attempts of the International Environment Governance to rationalise the functioning of international conventions;
- recent developments in the areas of sturgeon and elephant protection, bushmeat;
- issues regarding the next meeting of the Standing Committee and preparation of COP12.

5. **Preparations for CITES CoP12 (Santiago (Chile), 3-15 Nov 2002). COM20/9/1 (Rev2)**

Issues which the EU could raise for discussion at CoP12.

- **movement tissue samples** (UK/DE) COM22/5/1 (Rev)  
The Committee agreed to support the work done by the Working Group on streamlining trade in time-sensitive biological samples, which will be tabled as a product of the Working Group at the Standing Committee. EC co-ordination to take place on the spot (cell lines to be taken out of CITES).

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<sup>1</sup> Draft conclusions subject to final confirmation upon approval of the minutes of the meeting by the representatives of the Member States

- **retrospective issue of permits (UK)**  
The Committee showed no particular interest for a revision of existing provisions for retrospective issuance of permits. To be rediscussed at a future meeting, if necessary.
- **use of purpose codes**  
The Committee agreed on the necessity to add a purpose code to the list of requirements of Conf. Res . 10.2 rev. Annex.  
Document to be prepared for the next meeting, including a text on indication of export quotas on export and re-export permits.
- **revision of Conf. 8.2 (Rev) about EC membership**  
Resolutions Conf. 6.5 and Conf. 8.2 to be replaced by a decision (SC + Secretariat) to find out why ratification of the Gaborone amendment has not been realised yet, to be accompanied with information material on progress with the implementation of CITES by the EC since 1997 (e.g . COM 22/Inf).

The representative of Ireland informed the Committee that the letter on the ratification of the Convention by Ireland had been sent to the Swiss Government.

## 6. **Marking of specimens in trade**

- **Caviar labelling provisions. Regulation 1808/2001 Articles 34 and 35.**  
The Committee confirmed the decision not to import unlabelled caviar as from 31 December 2001, according to Sec.Not. 2001/090.
- **Identification of tortoises using photographs. Regulation 1808/2001 Article 36.1(b)**  
The Chairman asked the participants to send all elements on marking of tortoises to the Commission, which will transmit these to the SRG for discussion.

## 7. **Import/Export permits**

- **Possible change to Box 27 of Regulation 1808/2001, Annex I. (DE) COM22/7/1**  
It was agreed that box 27 of the export form can be used to indicate quantities actually exported, awaiting a corrected form.
- **Use of electronic signatures. Regulation 1808/2001, Article 4. (UK) COM22/7/2**  
The Commission undertook to investigate if exemption from Directive 1999/93/EC for Reg. 338/97 was necessary. A list of competent authorities to be distributed to MAs.

**8. Regulation 338/97 commercialisation certificates (Article 8.3)**

- **Discretionary issuance certificates: proposal for common approach on certain sensitive species (UK). COM21/8/1. Report on the opinion of the SRG**

The Committee took note of the opinion of the SRG that trade in tigers and bears and their products was harmful to the conservation of the species. The Committee agreed on this opinion ; some delegations however expressed doubts on the legal possibilities to prohibit trade. Issue to be followed up with Legal Service.

The Committee discussed the possibilities to limit monkey pet trade as the SRG did not consider there was a conservation problem with import of primates. The Chairman concluded that a correct implementation of the Balai directive could help, although several issues with regard to this directive had to be cleared with DG SANCO.

- **Treatment of certificates issued under Regulation 939/97. (UK) COM22/8/1**

The Committee agreed that any certificate issued under Reg. 939/97 remains valid under the terms under which these were issued.

**9. Report on the meeting of the Enforcement Group held in Brussels on 19 December 2001. (Commission)**

The representative of the Commission reported on the results of the meeting this Group, which was generally considered as successful.

**10. Any other business**

- **Initial preparations for the 46<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee 12-15 March 2002 (Geneva, Switzerland).**

It was agreed that co-ordination between Member States would take place on the spot.

- **CITES postal vote to change the appendix listing of *Araucaria araucana* – Notification to the Parties N° 2001/080.**

The Committee agreed on the common position proposed by the Commission.

- **Membership of the Global Tiger Forum. (UK)**

The representative of the UK encouraged other Member States to take part in the Global Tiger Forum.

- **Trade in species treated as ‘vagrant’ to the EU under the Birds Directive 79/409/EEC**

The Chairman asked Member States to advice on trade allowed in the above species.

- **Annex B listing of ecological threat species (IT)**

The Committee acknowledged the urgency of action to combat ecological threat species, in particular the grey squirrel and ruddy duck. The Chairman doubted the usefulness of Annex B listing for similar specimens already present on EC territory. While recalling the necessity for a holistic approach under the CBD, he welcomed the suggestion to establish a working group (DE, IT, UK) to look for a solution for this problem under Article 9.6 of Reg. 338/97,