§ 23.52 What are the requirements for replacing a lost, damaged, stolen, or accidentally destroyed CITES document?

(a) Purpose. A Management Authority may issue a duplicate document, either a copy of the original or a re-issued original, when a CITES document has been lost, damaged, stolen, or accidentally destroyed. These provisions do not apply to a document that has expired or that requires amendment. To amend or renew a CITES document, see part 13 of this subchapter.

(b) U.S. and foreign general provisions. The following provisions apply to the issuance and acceptance of a replacement CITES document:

1. The permittee must notify the issuing Management Authority that the document was lost, damaged, stolen, or accidentally destroyed.

2. The issuing Management Authority must be satisfied that the CITES document was lost, damaged, stolen, or accidentally destroyed.

3. The issuing Management Authority should immediately inform the Management Authority in the country of destination and, for commercial shipments, the Secretariat.

4. If the replacement CITES document is a copy, it must indicate that it is a “replacement” and a “true copy of the original,” contain a new dated original signature of a person authorized to sign CITES documents for the issuing Management Authority, and give the reason for replacement.

5. If the replacement CITES document is a newly issued original document, it must indicate that it is a “replacement,” include the number and date of issuance of the document being replaced, and give the reason for replacement.

(c) U.S. application procedures. To apply for a replacement CITES document, you must do all of the following:

1. Complete application Form 3–200–66 and submit it to the U.S. Management Authority.

2. Consult the list to find the types of information you need to provide (more than one circumstance may apply to you):

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<td>(i) The shipment has already occurred</td>
<td>Provide copies of:</td>
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<td>(A) Any correspondence you have had with the shipper or importing country’s Management Authority concerning the shipment.</td>
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<td>(B) For wildlife, the validated CITES document and cleared Declaration for Importation or Exportation of Fish or Wildlife (Form 3–177).</td>
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<td>(C) For plants, the validated CITES document.</td>
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<td>(ii) The original CITES document no longer exists</td>
<td>Submit a signed, dated, and notarized statement that:</td>
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<td>(A) Provides the CITES document number and describes the circumstances that resulted in the loss or destruction of the original CITES document.</td>
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<td>(C) Requests a replacement U.S. CITES document.</td>
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<td>(iii) An original CITES document exists but has been damaged</td>
<td>Submit the original damaged CITES document and a signed, dated, and notarized statement that:</td>
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§ 23.53 Criteria. The criteria in this paragraph (d) apply to the issuance and acceptance of U.S. and foreign documents. When applying for a U.S. replacement document, you must provide sufficient information for us to find that your proposed activity meets all of the following criteria:

(1) The circumstances for the lost, damaged, stolen, or accidentally destroyed CITES document are reasonable.

(2) If the shipment has already been made, the wildlife or plant was legally exported or re-exported, and the Management Authority of the importing country has indicated it will accept the replacement CITES document.

(e) U.S. standard conditions. In addition to the conditions in §23.56, the following conditions apply:

(1) If the original CITES document is found, you must return it to the U.S. Management Authority.

(2) A CITES document issued for a shipment that has already occurred does not require validation.

(f) Validation. For an export or re-export that has not left the United States, follow the procedures in §23.27. If the shipment has left the United States and is in a foreign country, submit the unvalidated replacement CITES document to the appropriate foreign authorities. We will not validate the replacement CITES document for a shipment that has already been shipped to a foreign country. We do not require validation on replacement documents issued by foreign Management Authorities.

§ 23.53 What are the requirements for obtaining a retrospective CITES document?

(a) Purpose. Retrospective CITES documents may be issued and accepted in certain limited situations to authorize an export or re-export after that activity has occurred, but before the shipment is cleared for import.

(b) U.S. and foreign general provisions. The following provisions apply to the issuance and acceptance of a retrospective CITES document:

(1) A retrospective document may not be issued for Appendix I specimens except for certain specimens for personal use as specified in paragraph (d)(7) of this section.

(2) The exporter or re-exporter must notify the Management Authority in the exporting or re-exporting country of the irregularities that have occurred.

(3) A retrospective document may be one of the following:

(i) An amended CITES document where it can be shown that the issuing Management Authority made a technical error that was not prompted by the applicant.

(ii) A newly issued CITES document where it can be shown that the applicant was misinformed by CITES officials or the circumstances in (d)(7) of this section apply and a shipment has occurred without a document.

(4) Retrospective documents can only be issued after consultation between the Management Authorities in both the exporting or re-exporting country and the importing country, including a thorough investigation of circumstances and agreement between them that criteria in paragraph (d) of this section have been met.

(5) The issuing Management Authority must provide all of the following information on any retrospective CITES document:

(i) A statement that it was issued retrospectively.

(ii) A statement specifying the reason for the issuance.

(iii) In the case of a document issued for personal use, a condition restricting sale of the specimen within 6 months following the import of the specimen.

(6) The issuing Management Authority must send a copy of the retrospective CITES document to the Secretariat.

(7) In general, except when the exporter or re-exporter and importer have demonstrated they were not responsible for the irregularities, any person who has been issued a CITES document in the past will not be eligible to receive a retrospective document.

(c) U.S. application. Complete application Form 3–200–58 and submit it to the U.S. Management Authority. In addition, submit one of the following: