

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Serv., Interior

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Roles	U.S. Scientific Authority	U.S. Management Authority
(k) Provide assistance to APHIS and CBP for the enforcement of CITES. Cooperate with enforcement officials to facilitate the exchange of information between enforcement bodies and for training purposes.	x	x
(l) Provide financial and technical assistance to other governmental agencies and CITES officials of other countries.	x	x

§ 23.7 What office do I contact for CITES information?

Contact the following offices to receive information about CITES:

Type of information	Office to contact
<p>(a) <i>CITES administrative and management issues:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) CITES documents, including application forms and procedures; lists of registered scientific institutions and operations breeding Appendix-I wildlife for commercial purposes; and reservations (2) Information on the CoP (3) List of CITES species (4) Names and addresses of other countries' Management and Scientific Authority offices (5) Notifications, resolutions, and decisions (6) Standing Committee documents and issues (7) State and tribal export programs 	<p>U.S. Management Authority U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700 Arlington, Virginia 22203 Toll Free: (800) 358-2104/permit questions Tel: (703) 358-2095/other questions Fax: (703) 358-2281/permits Fax: (703) 358-2298/other issues E-mail: managementauthority@fws.gov Website: http://www.fws.gov/international and http://www.fws.gov/permits</p>
<p>(b) <i>Scientific issues:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Animals and Plants Committees documents and issues (2) Findings of non-detriment and suitability of facilities, and other scientific findings (3) Listing of species in the Appendices and relevant resolutions (4) Names and addresses of other countries' Scientific Authority offices and scientists involved with CITES-related issues (5) Nomenclatural issues 	<p>U.S. Scientific Authority U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 750 Arlington, Virginia 22203 Tel: (703) 358-1708 Fax: (703) 358-2276 E-mail: scientificauthority@fws.gov Website: http://www.fws.gov/international</p>
<p>(c) <i>Wildlife clearance procedures:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) CITES replacement tags (2) Information about wildlife port office locations (3) Information bulletins (4) Inspection and clearance of wildlife shipments involving import, introduction from the sea, export, and re-export, and filing a Declaration of Importation or Exportation of Fish or Wildlife (Form 3-177) (5) Validation, certification, or cancellation of CITES wildlife documents 	<p>Law Enforcement U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop LE-3000 Arlington, Virginia 22203 Tel: (703) 358-1949 Fax: (703) 358-2271 Website: http://www.fws.gov/le</p>
<p>(d) <i>APHIS plant clearance procedures:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Information about plant port office locations (2) Inspection and clearance of plant shipments involving: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Import and introduction from the sea of living plants (ii) Export and re-export of living and non-living plants (3) Validation or cancellation of CITES plant documents for the type of shipments listed in paragraph (d)(2) of this section 	<p>U.S. Department of Agriculture APHIS/PPQ 4700 River Road Riverdale, Maryland 20737-1236 Toll Free: (877) 770-5990/permit questions Tel: (301) 734-8891/other CITES issues Fax: (301) 734-5786/permit questions Fax: (301) 734-5276/other CITES issues Website: http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant_health</p>

Type of information	Office to contact
<p>(e) <i>CBP plant clearance procedures:</i></p> <p>(1) Inspection and clearance of plant shipments involving:</p> <p>(i) Import and introduction from the sea of nonliving plants</p> <p>(ii) Import of living plants from Canada at designated border ports (7 CFR 319.37–14(b) and 50 CFR 24.12(d))</p> <p>(2) Cancellation of CITES plant documents for the type of shipments listed in paragraph (e)(1) of this section</p>	<p>Department of Homeland Security U.S. Customs and Border Protection Office of Field Operations Agriculture Programs and Liaison 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Room 2.5 B Washington, DC 20229 Tel: (202) 344-3298 Fax: (202) 344-1442</p>
<p>(f) <i>General information on CITES:</i></p> <p>(1) CITES export quota information</p> <p>(2) CITES' <i>Guidelines for transport and preparation for shipment of live wild animals and plants</i></p> <p>(3) Information about the Secretariat</p> <p>(4) Names and addresses of other countries' Management and Scientific Authority offices</p> <p>(5) Official documents, including resolutions, decisions, notifications, CoP documents, and committee documents</p> <p>(6) Official list of CITES species and species database</p> <p>(7) Text of the Convention</p>	<p>CITES Secretariat Website: http://www.cites.org</p>

§ 23.8 What are the information collection requirements?

The Office of Management and Budget approved the information collection requirements for application forms and reports contained in this part and assigned OMB Control Numbers 1018–0093 and 1018–0137. We cannot collect or sponsor a collection of information and you are not required to provide information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Subpart B—Prohibitions, Exemptions, and Requirements

§ 23.13 What is prohibited?

Except as provided in § 23.92, it is unlawful for any person subject to the jurisdiction of the United States to conduct any of the following activities unless they meet the requirements of this part:

- (a) Import, export, re-export, or engage in international trade with any specimen of a species listed in Appendix I, II, or III of CITES.
- (b) Introduce from the sea any specimen of a species listed in Appendix I or II of CITES.
- (c) Possess any specimen of a species listed in Appendix I, II, or III of CITES imported, exported, re-exported, introduced from the sea, or traded contrary to the provisions of CITES, the ESA, or this part.

(d) Attempt to commit, solicit another to commit, or cause to be committed any of the activities described in paragraphs (a) through (c) of this section.

§ 23.14 [Reserved]

§ 23.15 How may I travel internationally with my personal or household effects, including tourist souvenirs?

(a) *Purpose.* Article VII(3) of the Treaty recognizes a limited exemption for the international movement of personal and household effects.

(b) *Stricter national measures.* The exemption for personal and household effects does not apply if a country prohibits or restricts the import, export, or re-export of the item.

(1) You or your shipment must be accompanied by any document required by a country under its stricter national measures.

(2) In the United States, you must obtain any permission needed under other regulations in this subchapter (see § 23.3).

(c) *Required CITES documents.* You must obtain a CITES document for personal or household effects and meet the requirements of this part if one of the following applies:

- (1) The Management Authority of the importing, exporting, or re-exporting country requires a CITES document.