§ 23.18 What CITES documents are required to export Appendix-I wildlife?

Answer the questions in the following decision tree to find the section.

(iii) Customs and Border Protection Certificate of Registration for Personal Effects Taken Abroad (Form 4457).

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in this part that applies to the type of CITES document you need to export Appendix-I wildlife. See §23.20(d) for CITES exemption documents or §23.92 for specimens that are exempt from the requirements of CITES and do not need CITES documents.

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**Decision Tree for Export of Appendix-I Wildlife**

1. **Was the specimen collected from the wild or from captive parents that mated in the wild (§23.24(i))?**
   - Yes
     - **Is the export of the specimen for noncommercial purposes?**
       - Yes
         - **Has the importing country confirmed that a CITES import permit will be issued (§23.35(e)), which indicates the source code as “W” (§23.24(i))?**
           - Yes
             - Requires export permit (§23.36) that shows the source code as “W.” Article III of the Treaty.
           - No
             - **STOP. Export not allowed.**
       - No
         - **STOP. Export not allowed.**
   - No
     - **Does the specimen qualify under CITES as bred in captivity?**
       - Yes
         - **Is the export of the specimen for noncommercial purposes?**
           - Yes
             - **Has the importing country confirmed that a CITES import permit will be issued (§23.35(e)), which indicates the source code as “F” (§23.24(d))?**
               - Yes
                 - Requires export permit (§23.36) that shows the source code as “F.” Article III of the Treaty.
               - No
                 - **STOP. Export not allowed.**
           - No
             - **STOP. Export not allowed.**
       - No
         - **Was the specimen bred for commercial purposes?**
           - Yes
             - **Is the commercial breeding operation listed in the Secretariat’s register for that species (§23.24)?**
               - Yes
                 - **Requires export permit (§23.36) that shows the source code as “D” (§23.24(c)). No import permit required. Article VII(4) of the Treaty.**
               - No
                 - **STOP. Export not allowed.**
           - No
             - **Was the specimen bred at a facility involved in a cooperative conservation program?**
               - Yes
                 - Requires a bred-in-captivity certificate (see §23.41) that shows the source code as “C” (§23.24(b)). No import permit required. Article VII(5) of the Treaty.
               - No
                 - **Has the importing country confirmed that a CITES import permit will be issued (§23.35(e)), which indicates the source code as “F” (§23.24(d))?**
                   - Yes
                     - Requires export permit (§23.36) that shows the source code as “F.” Article III of the Treaty.
                   - No
                     - **STOP. Export not allowed.**