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Dear Sir/Madam,

**The Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (Cap. 586)**  
**Plan for Phasing out the Local Trade in Elephant Ivory**  
**Licence to Re-export Pre-Convention Ivory**

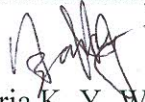
This circular aims to notify ivory traders about the latest development of the plan for phasing out the local trade in elephant ivory and the licensing arrangement regarding Licence to Re-export pre-Convention ivory.

Today, the Government published the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants (Amendment) Bill 2017 (the Amendment Bill) in the gazette to effect the plan to phase-out the local trade in elephant ivory as announced at the end of 2016<sup>1</sup>. The Government will submit the Amendment Bill to the Legislative Council for first and second reading within this month.

Step 2 of the plan will ban the import and re-export of pre-Convention ivory (save for antique ivory) and subject the commercial possession of pre-Convention ivory (save for antique ivory) in the local market to licensing control. The relevant control will commence three months after the Amendment Bill takes effect. Re-export of pre-Convention ivory currently requires a Licence to Re-export which is valid for six months. To prepare for the ban on re-export of pre-Convention ivory in Step 2 of the plan, the validity of the relevant Licence to Re-export to be issued or varied from now on will be shortened from six months to three months to tie in with the commencement of Step 2 of the plan; and all the relevant Licence to Re-export to be issued or varied after the passage and commencement of the Amendment Bill will expire before Step 2 of the plan takes effect.

If you have any question about this circular, please contact Mr. Horace IU of this department (tel. no. 2150 6969).

Yours faithfully,

  
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<sup>1</sup> For details, please see circular letter no. ES08/16 issued on 21 December 2016:  
[http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/conservation/con\\_end/con\\_end\\_info/con\\_end\\_info\\_cir/files/ES08\\_16e.pdf](http://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/conservation/con_end/con_end_info/con_end_info_cir/files/ES08_16e.pdf)