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Dear Sir/ Madam,

**Amendment to the Appendix III of
the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora**

The Secretariat of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) has issued notifications for the amendment of Appendix III of CITES (Notification No. 2021/026, 2022/014 and 2022/019). This circular informs traders about the detail of the amendments and the arrangement of stock declaration.

For the detail of the amendment of Appendix III, please refer to the Annex. The new controls will be implemented in Hong Kong after legislative amendment to the Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Ordinance (the Ordinance). Yet, some countries may implement the new CITES controls starting from the effective date as notified by the CITES Secretariat, such as adopting relevant import and export controls over the newly listed species, and require CITES documents for the related shipments. In addition to the requirements under the Ordinance that are in effect, please be reminded to also observe and comply with the latest requirements of the relevant countries and regions in relation to CITES when importing or exporting endangered species. You may seek assistance from this Department where necessary.

If the specimens of the newly listed species are legally acquired before they are included into the CITES Appendices on the effective date, they are regarded as “pre-Convention” and are entitled to relevant exemption in accordance with the Ordinance. If you are in possession of any pre-Convention stock of the newly listed species, you may complete and return the attached Declaration Form by email, fax or mail to declare your stock to this Department **on or before 21 June 2022** so as to facilitate the legal possession, export or re-export of the stock after the legislative amendment of the Ordinance. This Department will arrange inspection for the stocks after receiving the declarations.

For enquiry, please contact this Department by email to hk_cites@afcd.gov.hk or fax at 2376 3749, or contact our officers Ms. Koh (Tel. 2150 6969) or Mr. Lam (2150 6976).

Yours faithfully,

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For Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation

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