



NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2024/032

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CONCERNING:

OMAN

Recommendation to suspend commercial trade
National legislation

1. The Secretariat informs Parties that, **as of 10 January 2024**, the Standing Committee recommends that Parties suspend trade in all CITES-listed species for commercial purposes with Oman until further notice.
2. Oman has been a Party to the Convention since 19 March 2008. The legislation of Oman is placed in Category 3, as the legislation does not meet the four minimum requirements set out in [Resolution Conf. 8.4 \(Rev. CoP15\)](#) on *National laws for implementation of the Convention*.
3. At its 71st meeting (Geneva, August 2019), the Standing Committee requested the Secretariat to send a second warning letter to those Parties that had still not reported any legislative progress to the Secretariat – including Oman – and agreed to recommend a suspension of trade at its 73rd meeting if no substantive legislative progress had been made at that time (see [SC71 Summary Record](#)). After SC71, Oman engaged with the Secretariat on the development of a new legislation for the implementation of the Convention. A revised draft legislation was submitted to the Secretariat and comments provided in 2020. Therefore, no recommendation was made for a suspension of trade at SC73. At the 74th meeting of the Standing Committee (Lyon, March 2022), no progress on the development of the national legislation of Oman was reported.
4. In preparation of the 77th meeting of the Standing Committee (Geneva, November 2023), Oman reported that the final draft legislation was reviewed and approved by the national legal authority and was in the process of being approved to be adopted. Oman would further provide the timeline for the remaining process. However, this information was the same information provided to the Secretariat in 2020. Consequently, the Standing Committee agreed a recommendation to all Parties to suspend trade in all CITES-listed species for commercial purposes with Oman for lack of progress on the development of national legislation (see executive summary [SC77 Sum. 9](#)). The recommendation was to take effect 60 days after it was agreed unless the Party concerned adopts appropriate measures before the expiry of the 60 days or takes significant and substantive steps to do so.
5. On 27 December 2023, Oman submitted a report to the Secretariat entitled: *The Sultanate of Oman's Efforts in the Implementation of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)*. After review of this report, the Secretariat requested

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various clarifications from Oman on the ongoing legislative process. On 31 December 2023, Oman submitted a complementary report, with an indicative legislative calendar. After review, the Secretariat concluded that the elements provided by Oman in these submissions do not demonstrate significant and substantive steps to adopt appropriate legislation for the implementation of the Convention.

6. Parties are requested to inform their enforcement and customs authorities of this recommendation to suspend trade to avoid the inadvertent acceptance of specimens of species subject to such a recommendation. Parties that issue import permits for trade in specimens of Appendix-II species are also encouraged to consult the list when processing applications. Parties are reminded that the complete list of Parties subject to a recommendation to suspend trade is available on the [CITES website](#).