

CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL TRADE BRISTOL UK CITES MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY



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What is CITES?

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

- CITES is an international agreement to which countries adhere to voluntarily
- There are 184 signatories to the Convention, the latest being Andorra in 2021
- The Convention (drafted 1963, agreed 1973, in force 1975, UK became a party in 1976) covers roughly 34,310 species of plants and 6,610 Animals.
- EC Regulations 338/97 and 865/2006 (as incorporated in UK law as retained EU law)
- Management Authority for British Indian Ocean Territories

https://cites.org/eng



LEGALITY

The specimen has been obtained in accordance with the national laws and regulations for the protection of fauna and flora. Parties must make a legal acquisition finding to confirm this.



SUSTAINABILITY

Parties must make a non-detriment finding: a science-based biological finding which confirms that the trade in the species is sustainable and will not be detrimental to the survival of the species and takes account of the role of the species in its ecosystem.



TRACEABILITY

Parties must ensure that trade can be traced through the issuance and control of appropriate CITES permits and certificates. Parties report on all permits and certificates issued in national annual reports, which are compiled in the CITES Trade Database (http://trade.cites.org).

UK CITES Authorities

UK Management Authority

Defra policy APHA operational delivery and compliance

UK Scientific Authorities



UK Enforcement Authorities



Our Work (APHA CITES Team, CIT-B)

- CITES UK Management Authority
 - ✓We issue permits and certificates for the import, export and commercial use of CITES listed specimens.
 - Register of captive breeding operations, Scientific Institutions, nurseries and caviar exporters or re-packing operations
- Other work areas include, Ivory ban, Bird Registration, Zoo Licensing, and Invasive Alien Species permitting and compliance.



2023 Stats:

62k CITES permits issued

13k applications received ✓ 269 NI apps

✓ 218 apps rejected

90.17% issued within target

443 Bird Registrations completed

Zoo Licensing:

- 118 Nomination Requests from Local Authorities to conduct inspections
- ✓ 8 Dispensation requests

Approx. 15,500 Emails and 10K Calls answered



We aim to have reached a decision on applications within 30 days of receipt.



97% of our permits are issued within this 30-day target.



Our busy season runs from the spring through to the autumn months.



We have a total of 11 teams each focusing on different remits. One of which processes the plants applications.



What type of specimens are covered by CITES?



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Traditional pharmacy selling processed products

Ornamental plants and timber species in CITES

Ornamental plants

- Orchids
- Cactus
- Carnivorous plants
- Galanthus, Sternbergias
 and Cyclamens
- Aloes
- Euphorbias
- Cycads
- Palms
- Tree ferns

Timber species



Not sure if you need a CITES permit?

Animal & Plant Health Agency

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The annotations (in red) and the notes (in green) will tell you whether any parts or derivatives of the plant are listed on CITES and require permits or not

If, after checking Species+, you have any doubts regarding the possible exemptions for your plants, please contact us by email <u>wildlife.licensing@apha.gov.uk</u>.

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Importing CITES-listed plants into the UK (special procedure)

Phytosanitary certificate in lieu of CITES export permit from country of origin

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Phytosanitary certificates in lieu of CITES export permits

Phytosanitary certificates in lieu of CITES export permits:

UK import permits are still required

Only used for low-risk specimens (from a conservation perspective):

- Artificially propagated specimens of App II
- Artificially propagated specimens of hybrids of App I (Unannotated)

Only accepted from the countries listed at CITES.org:

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Austria	Canada	Netherlands
Belgium	Germany	Republic of Korea
Czech Republic	Hong Kong, SAR (China)	Singapore
Denmark	Italy	Sweden

The UK is not currently issuing phytosanitary certificates in lieu of CITES export permits.

Phytosanitary certificates in lieu of CITES export permits



- ✓ **Scientific name** at the **species level** (exceptions apply)
- ✓ type and quantity of specimens
- bear a stamp, seal or other specific indication stating that 'the specimens are artificially propagated as defined by CITES'.

11 Additional declaration



Due to the limited number of days for which a phyto is issued prior to export (13 days), APHA is expediting applications for UK import permits under this circumstances:

- ✓ Let us know your timescales at the time of your application
- ✓ Apply as soon as you have a copy of the joint CITES-Phytosanitary Certificate
- ✓ Allow us as much time as possible to deal with your application

Application process – how to speed up the process?





- A project to replace the 1997 legacy IT Unicorn
- The team was formed in December 2021
- We launched the back end of Pegasus on 31 May 2023. We are in the process of transitioning to the new system.
- Our aim is to build a single, connected digital system where most applications are made online and replace the current service
- Anticipate the front-end (customer journey) to go live summer 2024.

Pegasus – CITES Digital Service Update



Some of the benefits to you and key changes:

- Secure (government gateway)
- All in one place
- Keep a digital record
- Track your application

Our 2025 Service Vision

- A simple, joined-up and efficient CITES application service which helps users to trade endangered species legally and sustainably.
- We can review applications, make informed decisions and issue permits both quickly and reliably.
- ✓ We will use data to understand wider trends and improve compliance.

Applying for a CITES import permits online

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Department for Environment Food & Rural Affairs Animal & Plant Health Agency

CITES Online Applications – Starting your CITES application

Centre for International Trade – Bristol UK CITES Management Authority

Guidance videos – apply online for CITES permits and certificates in the UK: <u>APHA - YouTube</u>

Application process – **Supporting information:**



Legal acquisition finding (LAF)

- has the specimen been obtained legally?
- Copies of previous CITES permits or certificates
- Commercial or shipping invoices.
- Relevant national licenses or certificates

Applying for a CITES import permit for artificially propagated live plants: supporting information

Before starting your application, you will need the following information to complete your online application:

- A copy of either the CITES export permit or the phytosanitary certificate issued in lieu of CITES from the exporter in the exporting country
- A list of the scientific names of the live plants being imported
- A list of the hybrid or cultivar names, if any
- The name and location of the nursery where the plants were cultivated
- Your bank/credit card to pay the CITES processing fee

We cannot progress your application without this information.

Applying for a CITES import permit for artificially propagated live plants: supporting information

You may also need the following information to hand:

- If the species is new to trade or if we require further information for traceability purposes, we
 may ask you for:
 - ✓ information on the source and acquisition of the parental stock
 - \checkmark pictures of the nursery
 - ✓ copies of invoices, packing lists or any other documentary evidence that the UK Management Authority considers necessary on a case-by-case basis to confirm legal origin of plants or that exemptions are met
- A signed letter of authority from the UK importer if you are applying on the importer's behalf

Permits



UK CITES Management Authority

APHA team for endangered plant and animal species (CITES)

- Telephone: 0117 372 3700
- Email applications: <u>CITESapplication@apha.gov.uk</u>
- Email enquiries: <u>wildlife.licensing@apha.gov.uk</u>
- Website: <u>www.gov.uk/apha</u> | Twitter: <u>@APHAgovuk |</u> Facebook: <u>aphagov</u>
- Address: Centre for International Trade Bristol Horizon House, Deanery Rd, Bristol BS1 5AH

Resources:

- <u>Apply for CITES permits and certificates to move or trade endangered species GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)</u>
- Import plants and plant products from the EU to Great Britain and Northern Ireland GOV.UK (www.gov.uk)
- Videos apply online for CITES permits and certificates in the UK: <u>APHA YouTube</u>
- The CITES Publications | CITES: <u>https://cites.org/eng/resources/publications.php</u>
- CITES resources | Kew: <u>https://www.kew.org/science/our-science/science-services/UK-CITES/cites-resources</u>
- <u>Species+ (speciesplus.net)</u>