



## E. EXPORT/RE-EXPORT OF PLANTS (CITES)

This application covers a wide range of CITES-listed plant specimens, including live or dead specimens, and any readily recognizable parts, products, or derivatives unless otherwise noted as exempt in the CITES Appendices. To determine whether a plant species is regulated under CITES, when the species was listed, and whether exemptions apply to your requested activity and would therefore not require a CITES permit, see [CITES listed species](#). If you have any questions regarding your export, contact the Division of Management Authority at [managementauthority@fws.gov](mailto:managementauthority@fws.gov).

Please review our webpages [Wood & Other Tree Products](#), [Musical Instruments](#), and if relevant, [What Can I Do With My Ivory?](#), for important guidance and information.

### Use this application form for exports or re-exports of:

- wild plants/plant parts or products
- non-commercial shipments of cultivated plants/plant parts or products
- pre-Convention<sup>1</sup> plants/plant parts or products (including commercial shipments of musical instruments)
- commercial shipments of finished products or lumber
- re-exports under an ATA Carnet
- non-commercial shipments as part of a household move or plant society exhibition

### This form should NOT be used to:

- Request authorization for commercial exports of live plants that are artificially propagated in the United States. For such exports, applicants should complete form [3-200-33](#).
- Request authorization for plants listed in the Endangered Species Act. For such exports, applicants should complete form [3-200-36](#).

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## PERMIT TYPES

**Single-use Permit:** A single-use permit is valid for 6 months from the date of issuance. For re-issuance or amendment of a single use permit, the original permit must be returned with this completed application form:

- For export:** A one-time export of CITES-listed plants or plant products.
- For re-export:** A one-time export of plants or plant products that were previously imported under a CITES permit.
- For pre-Convention specimens:** A one-time export of plants or plant products that were obtained before the species was listed under CITES. NOTE: No CITES import permit is required for an Appendix-I specimen that qualifies as pre-Convention.
- For personal/household plants:** A one-time export of personally-owned, live potted plants or plant products that are not intended for commercial sale.
- Master File:** This application form allows you set up a Master File, valid for up to 3 years and is renewable, for exports or re-exports of wild, or artificially propagated plants, parts or products, or pre-Convention specimens. Once the Master File is approved, you must also obtain partially completed permits, valid for 6 months, for each export (50 CFR 13.11).

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<sup>1</sup> Specimen was acquired (removed from the wild or held in captivity or a controlled environment) before the date the species was included in the CITES Appendices. The listing date is found at [CITES species list](#), 50 CFR 23.45(b)(1).

- To amend an established Master File:** Allows you to amend a currently valid Master File. **You must complete the relevant sections within the application (FWS form 3-200-52 may not be used to amend or renew this Master File),** provide information on any changes to your facility, operations, species, or suppliers for the plant specimens that you wish to export.
- To reissue, or amend and reissue an established Master File:** Allows you to renew your Master File that has or will soon expire. **You must complete relevant sections within the application (3-200-52 may not be used to amend or reissue this Master File),** including providing information on any changes to the quantity, your facility, operations, species, or suppliers for the plant specimens that you wish to export.
- A fee is required for partially completed permits to accompany each shipment under a Master File:** Once the Master File is approved, you must also obtain partially-completed permits to accompany each export (50 CFR 13.11). The partially-completed permits will be valid for 6 months and can be requested using this form when establishing or renewing a Master File. For future shipments, additional permits may be requested using FWS Form [3-200-74](#).

Electronic submission of inventories, photographs, and receipts/invoices: If you wish to provide information electronically, please include a flash drive containing this information with your physical application.

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### GENERAL INFORMATION

**Review this application carefully and provide complete answers to all of the questions in the sections relevant to the activity for which you are requesting authorization.** If you are applying for multiple species, be sure to indicate which species you are addressing in each response. If a question is not applicable, answer with "N/A". **If more space is needed, attach a separate sheet with your responses numbered according to the questions.**

To accommodate the different purposes of this application, please complete all sections that are applicable to your request as laid out below:

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| <b>Part I</b>   | All applicants must complete (questions 1-4).  |
| <b>Part II</b>  | Wild plants or plant parts collected or originating in the United States (questions 5-13). |
| <b>Part III</b> | Timber, lumber, or live plants (questions 14-22).  |
| <b>Part IV</b>  | Medicinal or extract-based products (non-wood) (questions 23-28).                          |
| <b>Part V</b>   | Manufactured wood products (rosewood guitars, etc.) (questions 29-39).                     |
| <b>Part VI</b>  | Exhibition at plant society or trade shows (non-commercial) (questions 40-46).             |
| <b>Part VII</b> | Personal household plants (non-commercial) (questions 47-50).                              |

For *commercial shipments* of live plants, timber, sawn wood, veneer, lumber, or plant products, you will be required to have a current state nursery license and/or current U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Protected Plant Permit (formerly known as General Permit). For products that contain both plants and animal species, you will also need an FWS [Import/Export license](#).

## PART I

### ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE

1. Name and address where you wish the permit to be mailed, **if different from page 1**. If you would like expedited shipping, please enclose a self-addressed, pre-paid, computer-generated, courier service airway bill. If unspecified, all documents will be mailed via regular mail through the U.S. Postal Service.
2. Who should we contact if we have questions about the application (name, phone number, and e-mail)?
3. Have you or any of the owners of the business (if applying as a business, corporation, or institution), been assessed a civil penalty or convicted of any criminal provision of any statute or regulation relating to the activity for which the application is filed; been convicted, or entered a plea of guilty or nolo contendere, for a felony violation of the Lacey Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, or the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act; forfeited collateral; OR are currently under charges for any violation of the laws mentioned above?

No       Yes

If you answered "Yes" to Question 3, provide: a) the individual's name; b) date of charge; c) charge(s); d) location of incident; e) court, and f) action taken for each violation. Please be aware that a "Yes" response does not automatically disqualify you from getting a permit.

4. Provide the permit number of any previously held CITES permits you have held:
5. If requesting a **single-use permit**, provide the name and address of foreign recipient (if shipping to yourself, include your foreign address):

Name:

Business Name:

Address:

City:

State/Province:

Country, Postal Code:



14. For **wild-collected Appendix I plants or plant parts**, provide a copy of the CITES import permit issued by the Management Authority of the country to which you plan to export the plant(s) or plant specimen(s).

**PART III**  
**TIMBER, LUMBER, OR LIVE PLANTS**

For **each specimen** to be shipped provide:

15. Scientific name (genus, species, and if applicable, hybrid, or subspecies) and common name.
16. General description, quantity, and size of specimen(s) to be exported/re-exported.
17. Form of product (e.g., live, plywood).
18. Unit description (in metric units), including volume/amount of specimen(s) (if applicable).
19. Country where the plant or specimens were acquired.
20. Source of the specimen (e.g., removed from the wild or cultivated).
21. Receipts documenting your acquisition of the specimens to be exported/re-exported.
22. If the product (or CITES-listed components) were previously imported into the United States, provide copies of validated CITES documents issued by the country of export. The copies must be endorsed by the foreign country at the time of export, **AND** validated by U.S. Customs and Border Protection or USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) at the time of import; **AND**
- a. If you were not the original importer, provide a copy of the invoice or other documentation that shows how you acquired the specimens from the original importer. **Be sure to correlate each document (CITES permit # and issuance date) to the corresponding specimen.**
  - b. Date of import for each specimen (of CITES-listed component).
23. **For lumber, timber, or plants acquired prior to the date the species was included in the CITES Appendices**, provide documentation, a signed statement, or other evidence that the specimen was

harvested/cultivated and/or imported prior to its CITES listing date (e.g., bill of sale, USDA or foreign phytosanitary certificate). To check dates species were listed in CITES, please visit [CITES species list](#).

#### **PART IV**

##### **MEDICINAL OR EXTRACT-BASED PRODUCTS (NON-WOOD)**

24. For **each specimen** to be shipped provide, a description in **tabular or spreadsheet form** of the following information:
- Scientific Name
  - Product Name
  - Product Description (e.g., extract, tablet, capsules, powder)
  - Individual Packaging Unit (e.g., bottles, box)\*Include size if applicable.
  - Amount of Product Per Package Unit
  - Number of Packing Units
  - Total Amount of Product to be Shipped
25. Country where the specimens were harvested/cultivated.
26. Country where the specimens were acquired.
27. Receipts documenting the acquisition of the specimens to be exported/re-exported (e.g., bills-of-sale documenting history of transactions).
28. If the product was previously imported into the United States, provide copies of validated CITES documents issued by the country of export. The copies must be endorsed by the foreign country at the time of export, **AND** validated by U.S. Customs and Border Protection or USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) at the time of import; **AND**
- a. If you were not the original importer, provide a copy of the invoice or other documentation that shows how you acquired the specimen(s) from the original importer. **Be sure to correlate each document (CITES permit # and issuance date) to the corresponding specimen requested in question 7.**
  - b. Date of import for each specimen.
29. **For specimens acquired prior to the date the species was included in the CITES Appendices**, provide documents, a signed statement, or other evidence that shows the specimen(s) was harvested/cultivated and/or imported prior to its CITES listing date (e.g., bill of sale, USDA or foreign phytosanitary certificate). To check dates species were listed in CITES, please visit [CITES species list](#).

#### **PART V**

##### **MANUFACTURED WOOD PRODUCTS (E.G., ROSEWOOD GUITARS)**

30. Please provide a brief overview of your business practices (supply chain, how often you obtain additional stock, how often you export, and who you typically ship to).

31. Are there multiple CITES-listed species in the product to be shipped?    No    Yes

If no, for each species provide the quantity of products (as requested in Question 32, below).

If yes, for each species, provide the quantity in cubic meters (as requested in Question 33, below).

For **each species** to be shipped provide:

32. Scientific name (genus, species, and if applicable, subspecies) and common name.

33. General description of the product to be exported/re-exported (e.g., finished guitar, guitar parts).

34. Quantity and size (in metric units) of product(s) (e.g., 1 table, 220 x 84 cm).

35. Country and approximate year that the wood was harvested.

36. Country where you acquired the specimen/product.

37. Provide receipts documenting your acquisition of the wood to be exported/re-exported (e.g., bills-of-sale documenting history of transactions).

38. Provide copies of validated CITES documents issued by the country of export for specimens/wood of CITES listed species previously imported into the United States. The copies must be endorsed by the foreign country at the time of export, **AND** validated by U.S. Customs and Border Protection or USDA Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) at the time at import; **AND**

a. If you were not the original importer, provide a copy of the invoice or other document that shows how you acquired the product from the original importer. **Be sure to correlate each document (CITES permit # and issuance date) to the corresponding product.**

b. Date of import for each product (of CITES-listed species).

39. **If requesting to export finished products manufactured prior to their listing date under CITES (as laid out below), attest to the following certification statement:**

- *Dalbergia nigra* (Appendix I): June 11, 1992.
- For the listing dates of additional species, please visit [CITES species list](#).

I certify that all the products to be exported under my Master File were manufactured from pre-Convention \_\_\_\_\_ (scientific name) wood, harvested prior to the date implemented in CITES \_\_\_\_\_ (date). The manufacture date of each product will be documented



by a serial number. If requested by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, I am willing to report the number of products and their identification numbers that may be exported under my Master File when I request additional partially completed CITES documents under my Master File.

Applicant's signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

40. If requesting to export finished products manufactured **after** the date the species was listed in CITES, but manufactured with pre-Convention (acquired prior to the CITES listing date) wood, please provide a copy of the current inventory (a list of each product and the species contained in each product that is currently in your possession).

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## PART VI

### EXHIBITION BY PLANT SOCIETY AND TRADE SHOWS (NON-COMMERCIAL)

For **each specimen** to be shipped provide:

41. Scientific name (genus, species, and if applicable, hybrid, or subspecies) and common name.
42. A general description of specimens and quantity of each (e.g., 100 live plants).
43. Provide documentation or a signed statement of how, from whom, where, and when the plants were acquired.
44. The names, dates, and countries of the shows/events you are participating in.
45. Approximate date of re-import into the United States.
46. Provide a signed statement certifying that none of the specimens to be exported will be sold/traded and all of the specimens will be returned to the United States through a CITES designated port upon conclusion of the show.
47. Will the shipment be exported for temporary exhibition or display purposes and accompanied by a valid ATA carnet (for single use permits only)?

\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_ Yes: provide ATA carnet document number: \_\_\_\_\_.

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## PART VII

### PERSONAL, HOUSEHOLD PLANTS (NON-COMMERCIAL)

For **each specimen** to be shipped provide:

48. Scientific name (genus, species, and if applicable, hybrid, or subspecies) and common name.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
49. A general description of specimens and quantity of each (e.g., 100 live plants).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
50. If known, provide the source of the specimen (e.g., removed from the wild or cultivated).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
51. Receipts documenting your acquisition of the specimens to be exported **OR** a signed statement regarding the source of your plants, when you obtained them, and how and where you obtained them.

## NOTICES

### PRIVACY ACT STATEMENT

**Authority:** The information requested is authorized by the following: the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668), 50 CFR 22; the Endangered Species Act (16 U.S.C. 1531-1544), 50 CFR 17; the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (16 U.S.C. 703-712), 50 CFR 21; the Marine Mammal Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 1361, et seq.), 50 CFR 18; the Wild Bird Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 4901-4916), 50 CFR 15; the Lacey Act: Injurious Wildlife (18 U.S.C. 42), 50 CFR 16; Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (TIAS 8249), 50 CFR 23; General Provisions, 50 CFR 10; General Permit Procedures, 50 CFR 13; and Wildlife Provisions (Import/export/transport), 50 CFR 14.

**Purpose:** The collection of contact information is to verify the individual has an eligible permit to conduct activities which affect protected species. This helps FWS monitor and report on protected species and assess the impact of permitted activities on the conservation and management of species and their habitats.

**Routine Uses:** The collected information may be used to verify an applicant's eligibility for a permit to conduct activities with protected wildlife; to provide the public and the permittees with permit related information; to monitor activities under a permit; to analyze data and produce reports to monitor the use of protected wildlife; to assess the impact of permitted activities on the conservation and management of protected species and their habitats; and to evaluate the effectiveness of the permit programs. More information about routine uses can be found in the System of Records Notice, Permits System, FWS-21.

**Disclosure:** The information requested in this form is voluntary. However, submission of requested information is required to process applications for permits authorized under the listed authorities. Failure to provide the requested information may be sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service to deny the request.

### PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT STATEMENT

We are collecting this information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501) in order provide the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service the information necessary, under the applicable laws governing the requested activity, for which a permit is requested. Information requested in this form is purely voluntary. However, submission of requested information is required in order to process applications for permits authorized under the applicable laws. Failure to provide all requested information may be sufficient cause for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to deny the request. According to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, an agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. OMB has approved this collection of information and assigned Control No. 1018-0093.

### ESTIMATED BURDEN STATEMENT

We estimate public reporting for this collection of information averages:

Original submission - paper-based: 1 hour for private sector and 2 hours for individuals  
Amended submission - paper-based: 45 minutes for private sector and 1 hour 45 minutes for individuals  
Original submission - electronic: 45 minutes for private sector and 1 hour 45 minutes for individuals  
Amended submission - electronic: 30 minutes for private sector and 1 hour 30 minutes for individuals

These estimates include time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data and completing and reviewing the form. Direct comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of the form to the Service Information Clearance Officer, Fish and Wildlife Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, 5275 Leesburg Pike, MS: PRB/PERMA (JAO), Falls Church, VA 22041-3803, or via email at [Info\\_Coll@fws.gov](mailto:Info_Coll@fws.gov). Please do not send your completed form to this address.