

- (8) The interpretation section of the Appendices was amended, and a number of annotations relating to several taxa included in the Appendices of the Convention were adopted or amended at CoP 18 and also need to be reflected in the Annexes to Regulation (EC) No 338/97.
- (a) The following annotations were included:
- an annotation for the species *Saiga tatarica* and *Saiga borealis* listed in Appendix II, and
 - the annotation #17 (to replace Annotation #5) for the species *Pericopsis elata* listed in Appendix II.
- (b) The following annotations were amended:
- the annotation for the species *Vicugna vicugna* listed in Appendix II,
 - the annotation #4 f) for the species *Aloe ferox* listed in Appendix II,
 - the annotation #16 for the listing of *Adansonia grandidiieri* in Appendix II, and
 - the annotation #15 for the listing in Appendix II of the genus *Dalbergia* spp. and the species *Guibourtia demeusei*, *Guibourtia pellegriniana*, *Guibourtia tessmannii*.
- (9) Definitions of the terms 'Finished musical instruments', 'Finished musical instrument accessories', 'Finished musical instrument parts', 'Shipment' and 'Transformed wood' should be included in the 'Notes on interpretation of Annexes A, B, C and D', as those definitions were adopted at CoP 18.
- (10) The following species were recently included in Appendix III to the Convention: *Sphaerodactylus armasi*, *Sphaerodactylus celicara*, *Sphaerodactylus dimorphicus*, *Sphaerodactylus intermedius*, *Sphaerodactylus nigropunctatus alayoi*, *Sphaerodactylus nigropunctatus granti*, *Sphaerodactylus nigropunctatus lissodesmus*, *Sphaerodactylus nigropunctatus ocujal*, *Sphaerodactylus nigropunctatus strategus*, *Sphaerodactylus notatus atactus*, *Sphaerodactylus oliveri*, *Sphaerodactylus pimienta*, *Sphaerodactylus ruibali*, *Sphaerodactylus siboney*, *Sphaerodactylus torrei*, *Anolis agueroi*, *Anolis baracoae*, *Anolis barbatus*, *Anolis chamaeleonides*, *Anolis equestris*, *Anolis guamuhaya*, *Anolis luteogularis*, *Anolis pigmaequestris*, *Anolis porcus*, all at the request of Cuba. These species should therefore be included in Annex C to Regulation (EC) No 338/97.
- (11) The following species were recently removed from Appendix III to the Convention: *Galictis vittata*, *Bassaricyon gabbii*, *Bassariscus sumichrasti*, *Cabassous centralis*, *Choloepus hoffmanni*, *Sciurus deppei* and *Crax rubra* (only the population of Costa Rica), all at the request of Costa Rica. The reference to Costa Rica in the listing of *Crax rubra* and these other species should therefore be removed from Annex C to Regulation (EC) No 338/97.
- (12) The Union has not entered a reservation in respect of any of those amendments.
- (13) At CoP 18, new nomenclatural references for animals and plants were adopted, which relate in particular to a number of species of the genus *Ovis* and several species belonging to the family Felidae. These changes need to be reflected in the Annexes to Regulation (EC) No 338/97, while maintaining the currently applicable stricter EU measures for imports of the species previously described as *Ovis ammon*, in line with Annex XIII to Commission Regulation (EC) No 865/2006 ⁽⁷⁾.
- (14) Certain species names (both English and Latin) should be corrected to reflect the current practice in their use.
- (15) Further corrections should be made in existing annotations, in particular the annotation '(possibly extinct)' should be removed from the listing of four species, in line with amendments made at CoP 17.
- (16) In view of the extent of these amendments it is appropriate, for reasons of clarity, to replace the Annex to Regulation (EC) No 338/97 in its entirety.
- (17) Regulation (EC) No 338/97 should therefore be amended accordingly.
- (18) Article XV.1(c) of the Convention states that 'amendments adopted at a meeting [of the Conference of the Parties] shall enter into force 90 days after that meeting for all Parties'. In order to meet that deadline and ensure the timely entry into force of the changes to the Annex to this Regulation, the entry into force of this Regulation should be on the third day following that of its publication.
- (19) The measures provided for in this Regulation are in accordance with the opinion of the Committee on Trade in Wild Fauna and Flora established pursuant to Article 18(1) of Regulation (EC) No 338/97,

⁽⁷⁾ Commission Regulation (EC) No 865/2006 of 4 May 2006 laying down detailed rules concerning the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 (OJ L 166, 19.6.2006, p. 1).

