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Notification from CITES (Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of wild Fauna and Flora)

The CITES Secretariat has issued a notification to the Customs authorities on the unauthorised movement of CITES listed specimens by diplomats.

The Secretariat pointed out that the Convention provides no exemption from its provisions for persons with diplomatic immunity. CITES documents are therefore required for any international movement of listed endangered species.

Diplomatic missions, their delegates on mission to foreign countries and their troops serving under the flag of the United Nations are not exempt from the provisions of the Convention.