

Information regarding the 18th Cites-Conference

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Dear Customers,

With this letter we would like to inform you about the adopted changes of the 18th CITES Conference of the Parties that took place in August 2019.

As you know, at the beginning of 2017, all rosewood (*Dalbergia*) and some Bubinga species were protected under the CITES rule and included in **Annex II** of the CITES list. This rule has now changed with regards to finished products, in particular musical instruments, as follows:

Dalbergia spp. (Rosewood, Appendix II CITES), *Guibourtia tessmannii* (Bubinga), *Guibourtia pellegriniana* (Bubinga), *Guibourtia demeusei* (Bubinga);
 Amendment to footnote #15, which now has the following wording:

"Designates all parts and products, except

a) leaves, flowers, pollen, fruits and seeds;

b) finished products up to a maximum weight of 10 kg wood of protected wood per consignment; (such as pens, bowls, knives ...)

c) finished musical instruments, finished musical instrument parts and finished musical instrument accessories;

(d) parts falling within Note 4 and products of *Dalbergia cochinchinensis*;

(e) parts falling within Note 6 and products of *Dalbergia spp.* originating in Mexico exported from Mexico. "

This change now has the following consequences for you as a producer:

- Purchase: The wood-specific information (cites number, protection status, botanical name, country of origin) must still be shown in the commercial invoices of your suppliers.
- Entry and delivery book:
This must still be kept.
- Sale: **Within the European Union:**
-> We recommend to continue to provide the wood-specific information (cites number, protection status, botanical name, country of origin) in the invoices. Although not necessarily required, this information may be useful for your customer later on (for example, US entry).

The most important change:

- Sale: **Outside the European Union (export):**

-> **A separate export license is no longer required.**

(The separate import permit in the recipient country is also no longer required.)

For a better overview here is a list of commercially available Dalbergias:

CITES Annex II listed Rosewoods:

Grenadilla (*Dalbergia melanoxydon*)
Bahia Rosewood (*Dalbergia frutescens* / *decipularis*)
East Indian Rosewood (*Dalbergia latifolia*)
Kingwood / Violetwood (*Dalbergia cearensis*)
Amazon Rosewood (*Dalbergia spruceana*)
Honduras / Central American Rosewood (*Dalbergia stevensonii*)
Cocobolo tucurensis (*Dalbergia tucurensis*)
Cocobolo retusa (*Dalbergia retusa*)
Grenadillo (*Dalbergia grenadillo*)

CITES Annex I: Trade ban, except previously registered pre-convention stock:

Rio Rosewood (*Dalbergia nigra*)

Further decisions of the 18th CITES Conference of the Parties:

Cedrela spp. was listed under Appendix II CITES. Among them is also *Cedrela odorata*, also known as Spanish Cedar or Brazilian Cedar, which is often used in guitar making.

Here, as with the Dalbergias, an entry and delivery book must be kept.

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