NOTING that the Conference of the Parties, by way of Resolution Conf. 5.18 adopted at its fifth meeting (Buenos Aires, 1985), resolved that the Live Animals Regulations of the International Air Transport Association (IATA) are deemed to meet the CITES Guidelines for Transport and Preparation for Shipment of Live Animals and Plants for the transportation of animals by air;

NOTING further that Resolution Conf. 5.18 directed the Technical Committee (now abolished) to prepare recommendations for the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties on any further measures which may be required to improve the conditions in which live specimens are transported;

CONSCIOUS that very few, if any, of the Parties to the Convention have adopted and applied the recommendations of Resolution Conf. 4.21 adopted at the fourth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Gaborone, 1983) or Conf. 6.24 adopted at the sixth meeting of the Conference of the Parties (Ottawa, 1987); that mortalities in transport remain of significant concern and that additional data are required; and that mortality in transport undermines the concept of sustainable trade;

RECALLING that Resolution Conf. 6.24 has not been accepted in its present form by the IATA Live Animals Board because of specific recommendations and some clauses in the checklist which were considered outside the authority of CITES;

THE CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES TO THE CONVENTION

RECOMMENDS

a) that the dialogue between the CITES Secretariat, through the Standing Committee, and the Live Animals Board of the International Air Transport Association and the Animal Air Transport Association be continued;

b) that applicants for export permits or re-export certificates be notified that, as a condition of issuance, they are required to prepare and ship live specimens in accordance with the IATA Live Animals Regulations for the transport by air and the CITES Guidelines for Transport of Live Specimens for marine or terrestrial shipments;

c) that to assist enforcement officers and to facilitate and monitor transport, CITES export permits or re-export certificates be accompanied by a container checklist (Annex) to be signed immediately prior to shipment and, on arrival at the port of destination, by a person designated by the Management Authority, the person so designated being familiar with the IATA Live Animals Regulations;

d) that, to the extent possible, live animal shipments be examined and necessary action taken to determine the well-being of the animals by CITES-designated persons or airline personnel during extended holding periods at transfer points;

e) that, where Parties to the Convention have designated ports of entry and exit, animal holding facilities be provided;

f) that Parties gather information on mortality occurring during transport, note obvious causes of such mortality and transmit such information to the Chairman of the Working Group on Transport of Live Specimens;

g) that, to the extent possible, Parties ensure that animal holding facilities be open for inspection of shipments, with the concurrence of the transport company, by CITES-designated enforcement personnel or designated observers; and that any documented information be made available to the appropriate authorities and transport companies;

h) that Parties not clear for export shipments that either are unaccompanied by a completed shipment checklist or are accompanied by a checklist that contains any “No” answers, unless there is a satisfactory explanation; and
i) that, for as long as the CITES Secretariat and the Standing Committee agree, the IATA Live Animals Regulations be deemed to meet the CITES Guidelines in respect of air transport; and

DECIDES

a) that the Working Group on Transport of Live Specimens be a permanent working group reporting to the Standing Committee; and

b) that the Resolutions listed hereunder be repealed:

   i) Resolution Conf. 4.21 (Gaborone, 1983) - International Reporting System for Specimens Stressed During Transport; and

   ii) Resolution Conf. 6.24 (Ottawa, 1987) - Shipment of Live Animals.
Annex

CHECKLIST

This checklist is to be completed by a CITES-designated person and is to be attached to the CITES document accompanying shipments of live specimens.

Port and Country of Export

Port and Country of Import

CITES Export/Re-export Permit No. Valid until

CITES Import Permit No. Valid until

This Section to be completed before export (See Note 1) and on import (See Note 2)

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If you cannot answer yes or no, please explain.
If "no", please explain.

1. Are all CITES documents required for export/import complete?

2. Are the numbers and species being shipped apparently in accordance with the accompanying CITES documents and IATA Shippers Certification for Live Animals?

3. Has the shipper/agent made adequate interline advance arrangements, including feeding, where more than one carrier is involved?

4. Does the design and construction of the container(s) appear to comply with the IATA Live Animals Regulations Container requirements?

5. Is(are) the container(s) of adequate size to avoid overcrowding of the species and specimens being shipped?

6. Is(are) the container(s) undamaged?

7. Is the consignee's name, address and telephone number clearly shown on each container?

8. Are there "Live Animals" and "This way up" labels on each container indicating the contents and upright position?

9. Are all specimens apparently alive and uninjured?

Signature/Stamp of Designated Person at Port of Export

Signature/Stamp of Designated Person at Port of Import

Date and time

Date and time

Note 1 After completion of the form on export of the shipment, a copy of the checklist should be provided to the shipper/agent.

Note 2 After completion of the form on import of the shipment, a copy of the checklist should be returned to the Management Authority of the country of export.