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DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE  
**BUREAU OF CUSTOMS**

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**CUSTOMS MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR**  
NO. 41 - 2017

To: All Deputy Commissioners  
All Directors and Division Chiefs  
All District/Port Collectors  
And Others Concerned

**Subject: CITES Management for Terrestrial Wildlife Species/Rosewood**

Attached is the letter of Director Theresa Mundita S. Lim, Biodiversity Management Bureau, DENR endorsing a copy of CITES Notification No. 2017-012 regarding recommendation to suspend commercial trade in *Dalbergia cochinchinensis* (Rosewood) except finished products, including carvings and furniture from Lao People's Democratic Republic until such time that said country has complied with the conditions indicated therein.

For your information and guidance.

For record purposes, please confirm the dissemination of this circular throughout your offices within fifteen (15) days from receipt hereof.

  
**NICANOR E. FAELDON**  
Commissioner





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Dear Commissioner Faeldon,

Greetings from the Philippine CITES Management Authority for terrestrial wildlife species!

We are furnishing you a copy of CITES<sup>1</sup> Notification to the Parties No. 2017-012 re recommendation to suspend commercial trade in *Dalbergia cochinchinensis* (Rosewood), except finished products, including carvings and furniture, from the Lao People's Democratic Republic until such time that said country has complied with the conditions indicated in said Notification (please see attached). Relating to this, we are respectfully requesting that a copy of the Notification be disseminated to BOC personnel assigned/deployed at airports and seaports and other entry and exit points nationwide so they would be aware of such suspension, thus avoiding possible inadvertent acceptance of specimens of the subject species.

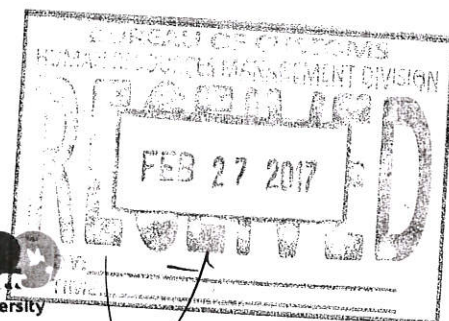
Your usual support and cooperation is very much appreciated.

Thank you and best regards.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
**THERESA MUNDITA S. LIM**  
 Director

<sup>1</sup>CITES or Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora is an international agreement between governments which aim is to ensure that international trade in specimens of wild fauna and flora does not threaten their survival in the wild. The Philippines is a member to the CITES since November 16, 1981. Currently, the CITES has 183 member-States.



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Subject: **Fw: New Notification to the Parties to CITES**  
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**From:** CITES <no\_reply@cites.org>  
**To:** pawbdir@yahoo.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 1, 2017 9:30 PM  
**Subject:** New Notification to the Parties to CITES

The following Notification to the Parties was posted on the CITES website on 01 February 2017:

Notification to the Parties No. 2017/012:

APPLICATION OF ARTICLE XIII IN THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC – Recommendation to suspend commercial trade in *Dalbergia cochinchinensis*

The Notification can be viewed on the page below:

<http://cites.org/eng/notif/index.php>

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## NOTIFICATION TO THE PARTIES

No. 2017/012

Geneva, 1 February 2017

CONCERNING:

### APPLICATION OF ARTICLE XIII IN THE LAO PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC

#### Recommendation to suspend commercial trade in *Dalbergia cochinchinensis*

1. At its 67th meeting (SC67, Johannesburg, 2017), regarding the management of exports of *Dalbergia cochinchinensis*, the Standing Committee recommended that Parties:
  - a) *suspend commercial trade in specimens of the species Dalbergia cochinchinensis (except finished products, including carvings and furniture) from the Lao People's Democratic Republic until that Party:*
    - i) *makes scientifically based non-detriment findings for trade in the species in the country to the satisfaction of the Secretariat and the Chair of the Plants Committee;*
    - ii) *develops a National Management Plan for the species and commences its implementation; and*
    - iii) *provides a copy of the National Management Plan to the Secretariat.*
2. The Secretariat notifies Parties that the Standing Committee recommended to suspend commercial trade in specimens of *Dalbergia cochinchinensis* (except finished products, including carvings and furniture) from the Lao People's Democratic Republic since 23 September 2016. Parties are requested to inform their enforcement and customs authorities of the availability of the list of trade suspension recommendations on the CITES website in order to avoid the inadvertent acceptance of specimens of species subject to such a recommendation. Parties that require the issuance of import permits for trade in specimens of Appendix-II species are also encouraged to consult the list when processing applications.
3. Pursuant to Article XIII of the Convention, the Standing Committee at its 67th meeting also adopted additional recommendations concerning Lao PDR with respect to: national legislation; CITES Scientific Authorities, population surveys and non-detriment findings; compliance and law enforcement; information systems; monitoring of wildlife farms and related trade; public awareness and outreach campaigns that are contained in document SC67 SR. pages 4, 5 and 6 which is available online at:  
<https://cites.org/sites/default/files/eng/com/sc/67/E-SC67-SR.pdf>.
4. Subject to available resources, the Secretariat will collaborate with Lao PDR authorities and its partners of the Wildlife Working Group 15.7, as well as other transit and destination countries in the implementation of these recommendations and will report at the 69th meeting of the Standing Committee.
5. The "Wildlife Working Group 15.7" is an informal group of development partners on site created on the occasion of World Wildlife Day 2016, and involving a mixed group of 28 embassies and international organizations sharing information on wildlife and timber trafficking. The European Union, the United States of America (as co-chairs of the Wildlife Working Group 15.7) and the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland provide important technical support to Laotian authorities in wildlife-related matters.