



10 February 2015

Dear Consultee

**Consultation on proposed changes to the Control of Trade in Endangered Species Regulations**

1. We are writing to invite views on proposed changes to the current Control of Trade in Endangered Species Regulations. These are: the **Control of Trade in Endangered Species (Ports of Entry) Regulations 1985** and the **Control of Trade in Endangered Species (Enforcement) Regulations 1997** and they provide the means through which the requirements of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species are enforced in the United Kingdom.

2. The following may be found via Defra's website:

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/biodiversity/changing-cotes-regulations>

- Consultation document
- On-line Survey

3. **The consultation starts on 10 February 2015 and closes on 10 March 2015.**

The aim is to lay an SI before Parliament rises at the end of March in order to fulfil our Red Tape Challenge and this has required limiting the consultation period to a maximum of 4 weeks. However we are content that both key trade organisations and stakeholders are familiar with the previously announced Red Tape Challenge proposals, and also the additional elements we want to address, as officials have engaged with them on these through last year. Stakeholder meetings were also held in 2012 and 2013 where discussions on the proposed provisions detailed in the consultation document took place.

4. We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you wish to obtain a hard copy of this consultation please contact: The COTES Review Team, Zone 1/14b, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6EB.

## Responses

5. To submit your consultation response please complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space (Citizen Space is an on-line consultation tool).
6. Responses need to be received by **10 March 2015**.

## Consultation Criteria

7. This consultation is in line with the Consultations Principles. This can be found at <http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/consultation-principles-guidance>
8. Copies of responses will be made available to the public on request. If you do not want your response - including your name, contact details and any other personal information – to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation. Please note, if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer, that won't count as a confidentiality request.
9. Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for this information under freedom of information legislation. But, because of the law, we cannot promise that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.
10. We will summarise all responses and place this summary on our website at <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/biodiversity/changing-cotes-regulations>. This summary will include a list of names of organisations that responded but not people's personal names, addresses or other contact details.
11. If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to: Defra Consultation Co-ordinator, 629 Millbank, 17 Smith Square, London, SW1P 3JR or e-mail: [consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk).
12. Thank you in advance for taking the time to consider and respond to this consultation. If you have any queries please contact us as above.

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