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## **BIODIVERSITY MANAGEMENT BUREAU**

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## ADVISORY TO THE IMPORTERS OF WILDLIFE, WILDLIFE BY-PRODUCTS AND DERIVATIVES

It has come to our attention the recurring incidents of wildlife, by-products and derivatives importation without the necessary permit secured from the Biodiversity Management Bureau (BMB) for CITES¹ listed wildlife species and from concerned DENR Regional Offices for non-CITES wildlife species.

We wish to reiterate that pursuant to Section 8 of the DENR Administrative Order No. 2004-55<sup>2</sup>, importation of wildlife, by-products (includes manufactured products) and derivatives requires issuance of CITES Import Permit by BMB or Wildlife Import Certificate by concerned DENR Regional Office prior to importation of CITES-listed species and non-CITES-listed species, respectively.

To apply for CITES import permit, the applicants/importers may access the requirements and procedure through this link https://bmb.gov.ph/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/cites-import\_final2021\_wr.pdf. On the other hand, for importation of non-CITES wildlife species, the applicants/importers may apply for Wildlife Import Certification to the concerned DENR Regional Office with jurisdiction over the area of importer's residence, pursuant to DENR Administrative Order No. 2008-18<sup>3</sup>.

For any query/ies on this matter, do not hesitate to contact the Biodiversity Management Bureau through Tel. No. (02) 8925-8952 to 53 or through email at wrd@bmb-gov.ph.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Amending Section 8 of DENR Administrative Order No. 2004-55 re: Issuance of non-CITES Export/Import/Re-Export clearance by the concerned Director for export/import/re-export of non-CITES wildlife specimens



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> DENR Administrative Order No. 2004-55: DENR Streamlining/Procedural Guidelines Pursuant to the Joint DENR-DA-PCSD Implementing Rules and Regulations of Republic Act 9147 Otherwise Known as "Wildlife Resources Conservation and Protection Act"