

MAJOR NEWS - UPLISTING OF THE AFRICAN GREY TO ANNEX A.

<http://ahvla.defra.gov.uk/documents/cites/cites-news030217.pdf>

New CITES controls on animal and plant species

New Annexes to Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97 reflecting the decisions taken at CITES CoP 17 have been published in the Official Journal L 27 and will enter into force on 4 February 2017.

See link below:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:L:2017:027:TOC>

This means that there are new CITES controls for some animal and plant species.

This includes:

The African Grey Parrot (*Psittacus erithacus*) has been up-listed from Annex B to Annex A meaning that this species still requires a CITES licence for import / (re)export out of the EU, but will now also require a certificate (commonly known as an Article 10), to authorise commercial use within the EU.

See further information on the EU's legislation on wildlife trade and questions and answers on the implementation into the EU of the inclusion of new species into the CITES Appendices at CITES CoP17.

Guidance on how these new controls will be implemented is being developed by both the EU and the UK and will be published in due course. In the meantime, please direct any specific queries to the UK CITES Management Authority.

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Just to clarify the new controls, any parrots included on Annex A of the Annexes (including the African Grey) require a CITES licence from this office in order to be used commercially within the EU, or imported/(re) exported out of the EU. No CITES licence will be required to keep an African Grey Parrot as a pet and they will not be required to be registered.

For CITES purposes, commercial use is defined as:

The purchase, offer to purchase, acquisition for commercial purposes, display to the public for commercial purposes, use for commercial gain and sale, keeping for sale, offering for sale or transporting for sale of specimens of the species listed in Annex A.