



## Alliance Guidance for Letters of Invitation

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### **Re: International Exhibitions/Competitions with Pernambuco Bows**

New CITES regulations are now in effect—as of March 5, 2026. It is possible for makers, dealers, and collectors to travel internationally or ship their Pernambuco bows without permits as long as the bows are not for sale *and* are returned to their home country. This would include bows traveling to and from exhibitions and competitions.

The Alliance strongly recommends that organizations send a ***letter of invitation*** to all participating makers, dealers, or collectors who might be bringing or shipping bows across international borders to your organization's event. This letter of invitation, which includes all event details, might be needed at the border to justify travel and to verify that the bows are traveling for non-commercial purposes, exempt from CITES permit requirements.

The Alliance also strongly recommends that all attendees have ***documentation of bow materials*** verifying the pre-2007 status of their pernambuco. This might be important to show if needed at the border and you might decide that it is mandatory for participation in your organization's event.

In order to make this process as easy for you as possible, the Alliance has created a fillable form (continue to the next page) to be used as a Letter of Invitation. In our form, we've included instructions to the attendees regarding all of the above concerns. Note that you can even add your logo in the upper-right-hand corner if you wish.

**Questions?** Email [vicepresident@alliance-international.org](mailto:vicepresident@alliance-international.org)

Dear

We are pleased to welcome you to the upcoming event which I have detailed below.

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EVENT:

HOST ORGANIZATION:

EVENT LOCATION:

DATES:

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**Note to attendee: This event is a strictly non-commercial event,  
in compliance with applicable CITES regulations. No sales or purchases will be permitted.**

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Please travel with a **copy** of this invitation, hotel information (to verify dates), and all other event information.

As the CITES policy is being rolled out for all of us, including customs agents, we recommend—with an abundance of caution—that you bring **copies** of documents (leave the originals at home!) proving that the bows are pre-Convention (sample *Document of Bow Materials* form: [alliance-international.org/documentation-of-bow-materials](http://alliance-international.org/documentation-of-bow-materials)). Keep these in your case and only show them if problems arise. Similarly, if shipping, share **copies** of all documentation with shipper, and include **copies** in shipping box. *Be prepared!*

***For your information:*** *Proof that a bow is pre-Convention (pre-2007) is only required when seeking a re-export permit for international sales or purchases and is, therefore, not required for travel to this non-commercial event.*