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Inventory

Bowmakers and other owners of Pernambuco—in the US, if you inventoried your wood in accordance with USFWS (our CITES management authority) guidelines back in 2007, now is the time to update your inventory.

It is important to attach all pertinent documents verifying when your Pernambuco wood was purchased and proof it was harvested prior to September 13, 2007.

Bow Wood Inventory

Documentation

Makers, dealers and shops should provide species information to buyers by completing a *Document of Bow Materials* form and giving it to the buyer with each sale**.**

! *Shops should be prepared to assist musicians by providing the same documentation for existing bows.*

Documentation of Bow Materials

Traceability

Bowmakers will soon be required to create a uniform traceability system for new bows to **help end illegal cutting** of Pernambuco in the wild. The following was developed by bowmakers and is presently in use by a growing number of makers globally:

A Traceability System for New Pernambuco Bows

For further Alliance information:
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US Permits for International Commercial Sales

Pernambuco bow sales *within the US* are exempt from CITES permits. Pernambuco bow sales to *international* buyers need CITES permits. **Before beginning your application, gather all required legal documents, certificates and photographs.**

US Dealers | Exporters | Auction Houses

You will first need to apply for a ***Master File***, good for three years. Application fee: $200 first time; $100 for re-application.

3-200-32
Master File Application

Once you have established a ***Master File***, you can request any number of single permits for individual bows, which are called ***Partially Complete Certificates*****.** Per-bow processing: $5.

3-200-74
Partially Complete Certificates

US Bowmakers | Exporters of Individual Bows

No Master File is required. **Only bows made of pre-2007 wood qualify for a permit.** Per-permit cost: $100.

3-200-23
Pre-convention Permit

IMPORTANT FOR *ALL* US EXPORTERS

- If there are additional CITES-listed species on the bow (tortoiseshell, monitor lizard, etc.) contact USFWS.
- Once a US **re-export permit** is completed, the *buyer* will then apply for an **import permit** *if required in their country.*
- **Don't ship until you confirm that paperwork is completed in the importing country.**
- Ship only via official broker; or if hand-carrying, make an appointment in advance, as CITES may not be at the airport.
- **All permits must be stamped at each designated exit and entry port; get a copy of all stamped documentation.**

For further CITES information:
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