

Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES)

Musical Instrument Certificates (MIC)

The following information has been supplied to the MU by the UK issuing authority in Bristol – Animal and Plant Health Authority (APHA)

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1. Non-Commercial cross border movement. Non-Commercial for the purposes of CITES regulations means: Movement of musical instruments for personal use, paid or unpaid performance, display, production, teaching or competition. Also; international transport of an item for the purpose of being repaired or returned under warranty.
2. Non-Commercial cross border movement of up to a maximum weight of 10kg per instrument can travel without a CITES permit. The 10kg refers only to that portion of an instrument that is made from Rosewood or Bubinga. Less than 10kg? No Annex 1 species? Staying within the EU? Then no MIC needed.
3. Musicians can use the MIC for the non-commercial cross border movement of musical instruments containing Appendix I or Annex A listed species such as Ivory, tortoiseshell and Brazilian Rosewood, therefore instruments cannot be sold or advertised for sale whilst out of the country of issue.
4. MIC's can be used as an import permit and a (re) export certificate
5. MIC's are valid for three years from the date of issue, but the instrument must be back in the country of issue before the permit expires.
6. Import requirements should be checked with the importing country before moving an instrument with a MIC. <https://cites.org/eng/cms/index.php/component/cp>
7. To apply for an MIC click on this link: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/export-products-made-from-endangered-animals-special-rules>
8. You need the FED 0172 application for an MIC: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/endangered-species-application-for-import-and-export-permit>. In the top left corner tick the box marked 'Other' and write an explanation of the type of permit you require. Then fill in the form as per the accompanying instructions.
9. At the time of writing we remain in the EU so cross border means outside of the EU.

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