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Sub: CITES: India Competent Authorities issuing CITES Certificates/Permits in view of reservation obtained for *Dalbergia* spp by India – reg.

Dear Sir,

Please refer to your email dated 27th February 2017 on the above subject.

2. In this regard, I would like to inform that the Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts (EPCH) has been authorized as designated authority to issue the comparable document *in lieu* of CITES permit, i.e. Vriksh Shipment Certificate for export of handicraft products made from *Dalbergia sissoo* and *Dalbergia latifolia* from India. The contact details of EPCH are as below:

The Director
Export Promotion Council for Handicrafts
EPCH House, Pocket 6 & 7, LSC
Sector C, Vasant Kunj, New Delhi – 110 070
Tel: +91-11-26135256/57/58; Fax: +91-11-26135518
Email: vriksh@epch.com Website: vrikshindia.in

2. Above mentioned Vriksh Shipment Certificate would be the CITES comparable certificate as per Conf. 9.5 (Rev. CoP16) of CITES for export of handicraft products made of *Dalbergia sissoo* and *Dalbergia latifolia* only. The copy of the Vriksh Shipment Certificate is enclosed. The same would be duly uploaded on the security section of CITES Secretariat website also.

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3. The CITES Assistant Management Authorities, India would be issuing CITES permits in accordance with Conf. 4.25 (Rev. CoP14) for export, re-export of all non-handicraft products made from *Dalbergia spp* and handicraft products of *Dalbergia spp* other than handicraft products made from *Dalbergia sissoo* and *Dalbergia latifolia*.
4. This issues with the approval of competent authority.

Yours faithfully,

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Encl: As above.

Copy to:

1. The Secretary General, CITES Secretariat, Geneva with a request to notify to all Parties to the CITES;
2. The Secretary, Ministry of Textiles
3. The Director General, DGFT, New Delhi
4. The Member (Customs and legal), CBEC, New Delhi
5. The Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), Ministry of Handicrafts, New Delhi
6. The Joint Secretary (Customs), CBEC, New Delhi
7. The Additional Director, Wildlife Crime Control Bureau, New Delhi
8. The Director, EPCH, New Delhi

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