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Seafood Traders

LISTING OF SEAHORSES IN CITES

Singapore is a party to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). At the 12th Meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES, November 2002 (Chile), the seahorses (*Hippocampus* species) were included in CITES Appendix II¹. The listing of seahorses will come into effect on **15 May 2004**.

2 As a result of the listing in CITES, the import and export of seahorses and their parts and derivatives would require valid CITES permits from the importing and exporting parties. The CITES permits must be obtained before submission of TradeNet declarations. Please use the product code in **Annex A** for declaring import/export of seahorses (*Hippocampus* species) with effect from **15 May 2004**.

3 CITES permits would also be required for the re-export of stocks imported or acquired before 15 May 2004 (ie. pre-Convention stock). As such, if you have pre-existing stock of seahorses in your possession, please complete the attached Declaration Form (**Annex B**). The completed form must be submitted to Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority, 5 Maxwell Road, MND Complex, #02-03, Singapore 069110, by **1 April 2004**.

A "Nil" return is necessary if your company does not possess any of the specimens.

4 If you need any clarification, please feel free to contact AVA at tel: 62270670.

5 Thank you.

Yours faithfully

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¹ CITES Appendix II – This lists species which are threatened if trade is not regulated. Species in Appendix II can be traded commercially but require CITES permits from the importing and exporting countries.

Annex A

Product Description
Sea Horse, Dried
(Hippocampus Spp.)

HS Code
05119110

Product Code
FZP2SHD

Annex B

To: Head, Wildlife Regulatory Branch
Import and Export Division
Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority
5 Maxwell Road MND Complex #02-03
Singapore 069110

DECLARATION OF POSSESSION OF SEAHORSES (*HIPPOCAMPUS SPECIES*)

We hereby declare that we have the following stocks, which were imported or acquired before **15 May 2004**. Details of our stocks are as follows:

Stocks	Quantity (pcs/kg)
Dried seahorses	
Others (please specify)	

- Please indicate quantity unit clearly.
- Please indicate "Nil" if you do possess the above items.

We hereby declare that the above information is true and correct.

Name: _____

Designation: _____

Name of Company: _____

Address of Company: _____

Tel and Phone nos.: _____

Company stamp/seal: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____