



Friday 29 January 2021

## Treaties Committee to review new CITES listings

[The Joint Standing Committee on Treaties](#) will hold a public hearing in Canberra on Monday 1 February 2021 to discuss amendments to the Convention on the Trade in Endangered Species (CITES).

The Committee will hear evidence on changes to the lists of protected species arising from the CITES 18<sup>th</sup> Conference of the Parties.

CITES protects endangered species by regulating international trade in those species and their products.

“Two small, but lucrative industries – musical instrument manufacturing and sea cucumber fishing, are likely to be the most affected in Australia,” said Committee Chair [Mr Dave Sharma MP](#).

“Musical instrument makers will benefit from an easing of restrictions on the use of Rosewoods, while people wishing to export sea cucumbers will need to obtain a permit to export this endangered species.”

The Committee will also review recent amendments to the *Agreement on Mutual Recognition in relation to Conformity Assessment, Certificates and Markings between Australia and the Republic of Iceland, the Principality of Liechtenstein and the Kingdom of Norway [European Free Trade Association – European Economic Area]*.

### Public hearing details

Date: Monday 1 February 2021

Time: 11.00am – 12.00 noon

Location: Committee Room 2R1, Parliament House

**Please note that access to the public hearing is restricted as a pandemic control measure. The hearing can be accessed [online](#).**

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