

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999

Amendment to the List of Specimens Taken to be Suitable for Live Import in accordance with paragraph 303EC (1) (c)

(Issued under Authority of the Minister for the Environment and Water Resources)

Under the *Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999* (EPBC Act), a live specimen is allowed to be imported only if it is included on the list of specimens suitable for live import (live import list).

The list was established in accordance with s.303EB of the EPBC Act and has two parts. Part 1 comprises species exempt from the need for an import permit under the EPBC Act. Part 2 comprises species that can be imported with a permit under the EPBC Act.

At the 14th meeting of the CITES Conference of the Parties (3-15 June 2007), some amendments were made to the CITES appendices. The Parties agreed that the amendments will come into effect on 13 September 2007.

Some of the amendments relate to species listed on the live import list.

Nycticebus coucang (Slow Loris) was listed on Part 2 of the live import list, with a CITES Appendix listing of II. This listing needed to be corrected to update the CITES listing to Appendix I.

Tragelaphus eurocerus (Bongo antelope), *Tragelaphus spekii* (Sitatunga antelope), and *Psittacula krameri* (Ring-neck Parakeet) were listed on Part 2 of the live import list, with the condition “excluding Ghana populations”. This condition was placed on the listings on the basis that Ghana had listed these species on Appendix III. Ghana has now removed these species from the CITES list, and therefore it is appropriate to remove the exclusion from live import list.

In accordance with s. 303EC(1)(c) of the EPBC Act, the effect of this instrument is to correct inaccuracies to Part 2 of the list by changing the notations relating to CITES listings.

This instrument is a legislative instrument for the purposes of the *Legislative Instruments Act 2003*.

The instrument commenced on 13 September 2007.

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