CoP17 Prop. 3. [Peru] Amendment to the CITES Appendices referring to annotations 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the populations of Vicuña Vicugna vicugna in Appendix II

The proposed amendment is intended to replace five different annotations for individual populations in Appendix II with one that would allow for standard provisions related to marking or labelling of cloth or garments from live Vicuña and artisanal products to cover all those populations. Currently, exported wool does not have to be marked; once processed outside countries of origin there is no labelling requirement for cloth or garments produced. It also appears that garments made from labelled cloth do not necessarily have to be labelled with a logo and the country of origin.

While acceptance of this proposal will simplify and enhance mechanisms for ensuring the traceability of Vicuña products in international trade, it is unclear whether it is possible to enforce under the Convention a requirement that products for a domestic market be labelled in a particular way. It may, in theory, be possible to apply a labelling restriction to re-exports, essentially to ensure that wool used was legally obtained originally. There is an analogy with labelling of crocodilian skins, (Res. Conf. 11.12 (Rev. CoP15): Universal tagging system for the identification of crocodilian skins), although the latter contains recommendations rather than mandatory conditions on trade.

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