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### New Control Measures for Elephant Ivory and Elephant Hunting Trophies

The Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants (Amendment) Ordinance 2018 will take forward a three-step plan to enhance regulation on import and re-export of elephant ivory and elephant hunting trophies, and to phase out the local ivory trade. The details are as follows:

- (a) Ban the import and re-export of all elephant hunting trophies and those remaining post-Convention ivory items, the import, export and re-export of which are currently permissible under CITES. Commence on 1 May 2018.
- (b) Ban the import and re-export of pre-Convention ivory (save for antique ivory) and subject the commercial possession of pre-Convention ivory (save for antique ivory) in the local market to licensing control similar to the existing control on post-Convention ivory. Commence on August 2018.
- (c) Ban the possession for commercial purposes of all ivory (save for antique ivory) including pre-Convention ivory and post-Convention ivory from 31 December 2021.

#### Post-Convention Ivory

An owner who wishes to possess post-Convention ivory for commercial purposes has to apply for a Licence to Possess (PL). Any application for a PL will generally not be approved for post-Convention ivory after 1 May 2018, unless the ivory is covered by a valid PL issued before 1 May 2018.

#### Pre-Convention Ivory

After 1 August 2018, commercial possession of pre-Convention ivory (save for antique ivory) will require a Licence to Possess (PL). Any application for a PL will generally not be approved for pre-Convention ivory after 1 August 2018, unless the ivory is covered by a valid PL issued before 1 August 2018. All Licence to Re-export (RL) for pre-Convention ivory to be issued/varied on or after 1 May 2018 will expire before on or before 31 July 2018 (save for antique ivory). The applicant is advised to submit the application as soon as possible.

#### Antique Ivory

Import of antique ivory will require a Licence to Import (IL), and a Pre-Convention Certificate issued by the previous exporting place, while re-export will require a RL.

For details of the above arrangements, please refer to the following websites:

- (a) New Control Measures for Elephant Ivory and Elephant Hunting Trophies

[https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/conservation/con\\_end/files/ES02\\_18e.pdf](https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/conservation/con_end/files/ES02_18e.pdf)

- (b) Application Method for Licence to Possess for Ivory

[https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/conservation/con\\_end/files/ES02\\_18e\\_annexI.pdf](https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/conservation/con_end/files/ES02_18e_annexI.pdf)

- (c) Application Method for Licence to Import/ Re-export for Antique Ivory

[https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/conservation/con\\_end/files/ES02\\_18e\\_annexII.pdf](https://www.afcd.gov.hk/english/conservation/con_end/files/ES02_18e_annexII.pdf)