

CITES Regulations For The Importation And Exportation Of Rosewood Effective January 2, 2017

For United States and Canada Fender, Fender Custom Shop, Squier, Jackson, Charvel, Gretsch or EVH consumers:

On January 2, 2017, new requirements stemming from the Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species of Flora and Fauna (CITES) became effective that impact the importation and exportation of certain species of **rosewood**, namely Indian and Indonesian rosewood (more specifically, the genus *Dalbergia* and three bubinga species -- *Guibourtia demeusei*, *Guibourtia pellegriniana*, and *Guibourtia tessmannii*). Fender Musical Instruments Corporation (FMIC) has prepared this overview of the new requirements for your background. Additional information can be found on the CITES website (<https://cites.org/eng>) and/or the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service website (<https://www.fws.gov/>) and/or the Environment and Climate Change Canada (<http://www.ec.gc.ca/cites/default.asp?lang=En&n=1BC82E16-1>).

At a meeting in October 2016, CITES member countries decided to add all species of rosewood not already covered by CITES (species other than Brazilian rosewood) to CITES Appendix II. This means that in order to export this rosewood (including products made with this rosewood, such as guitars and basses) on January 2, 2017 or later, an export permit issued by the management authority of the country of export will be needed. Importing countries will require this export permit at the time of importation and may, but are not required to, also require a separate import permit.

The new "Appendix II" requirements **do not** impact instruments shipped domestically within the United States or Canada or instruments transported internationally for **personal, non-commercial use**, provided the instrument contains no more than 22 lb (10 kg) of Appendix II rosewood. "Non-commercial use" means a use related to an activity that is not commercial, i.e., not related to an activity that is reasonably likely to result in economic use, gain, or benefit, including, but not limited to, profit (whether in cash or in kind), and includes, but is not limited to, personal use. Examples of non-commercial items include gifts, items not intended for sale that are carried in personal baggage or as part of a household move, and items that are personally owned and shipped to oneself.

For US and Canada consumers who want to ship Fender instruments that contain Appendix II rosewood from the United States to another country or from Canada to another country for commercial reasons or for non-commercial reasons, but the shipment is greater than 22 lb (10kg):

What to do:

From United States to Another Country: Apply for a Federal Fish and Wildlife Re-Export Permit issued by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Then determine whether a separate import permit will also be required from the country into which the product will be imported. For importing

procedures of the specific country which you are shipping to, please refer to that country's importing regulations and requirements.

From Canada to Another Country: Apply for an Application for CITES Permit issued by the Environment and Climate Change Canada. Then determine whether a separate import permit will also be required from the country into which the product will be imported. For importing procedures of the specific country which you are shipping to, please refer to that country's importing regulations and requirements.

Where to do it:

United States: You can obtain the re-export permit application form from the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service website at: <https://www.fws.gov/forms/3-200-32.pdf>.

Canada: You can obtain the re-export permit application form from Environment and Climate Change Canada at: <http://www.ec.gc.ca/cites/default.asp?lang=En&n=BA634294-1>.

For offices other countries requirements, please refer to this list:
<https://cites.org/eng/cms/index.php/component/cp>.

FMIC will provide documentation to assist with re-export permit application: Depending on when your instrument was manufactured, FMIC will provide, upon request, either a Pre-Convention certificate and/or the CITES export permit that FMIC used to import the rosewood into the United States. If you would like to receive such documentation, please have the serial number(s) of the instrument(s) ready and contact Fender Consumer Relations at:

Telephone: 800-856-9801

E-Mail: consumerrelations@fender.com

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We hope that this overview is helpful. If you have any questions that are not addressed here, or otherwise have any questions about how these requirements apply to you or your business, please refer to the CITES or US Fish and Wildlife websites or Environment and Climate Change Canada or contact your legal advisor. FMIC is committed to assisting its customers, but is not able to provide legal advice and is not responsible in any way for others' non-compliance with governing requirements or regulations and/or detained or seized shipments or other results from such requirements.