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12.12.2011 – Customs officers found on web pages of internet shop 2 types of medicine containing *Saussurea costus*. During inspection of storeroom of this shop, performed by CEI, were found 4 kinds of medicine containing CITES species produced in Vietnam with composition written in Czech language. About 5% of medicine in the storeroom contained CITES species. 3 types (21 pieces) of medicine contained *Saussurea costus* (CITES I/A) named as Radix Saussureae or Saussurea lappa and one type (4 pieces) containing *Aquilaria malaccensis* (CITES II/B) named as Aquilaria agallocha. According to invoice part of medicine with protected species was at the time of inspection already sold. Operator of the shop didn't have any other documents for these types of medicine. She was fined for buying, offering for sale and selling annex A specimens without EU certificates and for failure to prove legal origin of annex B species (EU legislation) and for failure to prove legal origin of species and absence of trade records (Czech legislation). All CITES medicine specimens were confiscated.

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