

CITES news - Prague airport



Czech Environmental Inspectorate



Czech man coming back from Canada had a box of hunting trophies imported from Canada to Prague airport on 31st August 2006. Cargo shipment contained 3 white tail deer heads (not listed in CITES), 3 black bear skins (*Ursus americanus*, B/II), 1 coyote head (not listed in CITES) and 2 wolf skins. There were 1 black and 1 grey wolf skins (*Canis lupus*, A/II). Man declared that he bought both wolves skins in Canada by taxidermist. He provided Canada export permit for wolves and black bears. He declared that he and his friend shot all 3 black bears and later proved that they went hunting in Canada. Therefore black bear trophies were considered to be of personal purposes and cleared with Canadian export permit only. However Czech import permit was still missing for wolf skins. Man declared that he was told by Czech CITES authorities that import permits are not needed for wolves from Canada. Wolves skins were confiscated.

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