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December 2007 – CEI inspectors seized 17 tins of beluga caviar (*Huso huso*), which were sold in markets Makro-Cash Carry CR, price of 1 tin (30 g) was app. 130 EU, tins have no labels with code. Caviar was supplied to Czech republic by Spain company **Foncasale Trading S.L.** (total amount 25 tins in 1 December shipment). The company isn't registered as legal packing or re-packing caviar company in Register of CITES Secretariat. Foncasale Trading S.L. sent only registration for import of fishes and copy of CITES import permit n. 232719/01 as document about legal origin of caviar. However the permit was issued for import of 360 kg caviar from Russia to EU, but for kaluga caviar (*Huso dauricus*) not beluga (*Huso huso*), for import to UK not to Spain, for British company Wavertree Trading Ltd. not for Foncasale Trading S.L. There was a stamp of border customs office dated at 18.12.2000, so import the kaluga caviar was realized at December 2000!!! So the permit couldn't be issued for caviar seized in CR in 2007. CITES Secretariat said that the import permit with n. 232719/01 was sooner used in EU for "clearing" of smuggled caviar. Foncasale Trading S.L. offers on its web side other caviar too - blue tins of caviar from Astrakhan company Kaspryba, which is very suspicious (many cases of seizures in all EU). **We would like to ask Spain colleagues for inspection and investigation of Foncasale Trading S.L. and its activities, because in our opinion the company offers illegal caviar. Thank you for your help.**

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