

**Bills Committee on
Protection of Endangered Species of Animals and Plants Bill**

**List of follow-up actions arising from the discussion
at the meeting on 22 November 2005**

- (1) To consider specifying in proposed section 21 the need to provide evidence for possession or control of specimens of Appendix II species.
- (2) To consult the trade on the proposal of extending the further grace period of three months in clause 55(6) to six months for possession of any specimens of Appendix I or II species which were not subject to licensing control on possession before the commencement of the Bill.
- (3) To re-consider the propriety of setting out provisions relating to convention instruments, such as definitions of “commercial purposes”, in Schedule 3, the amendment of which will be in the form of an Order published in the Gazette, leaving insufficient time for scrutiny by the Legislature.
- (4) To consider reviewing the term “Convention export permit” under clause 2 to expressly cover both export permits and re-export certificates.
- (5) To consider including in the meaning of “in transit” under clause 3 to cover a thing which is hand carried into Hong Kong, and amending proposed section 3(b) to ensure that all in-transit consignments in Hong Kong remain under the control of the Director of Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation, such as being checked and sealed, from the time they are brought into Hong Kong up to the time they are taken outside Hong Kong.
- (6) To ensure that a person, who may not be able to distinguish the specimens of Appendix II species under their possession or control are of wild or non-wild origin, will not be unnecessarily caught by clause 15, consideration should be given to prohibiting the possession of such specimens without licence.