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Subject:	Commission Regulation (EU) .../... of XXX amending, as regards the trade in species of wild fauna and flora, Regulation (EC) No 865/2006 laying down detailed rules concerning the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 338/97
	- Decision not to oppose adoption

STATEMENT BY SPAIN AND UNITED KINGDOM

Article 1(3) of the proposed Regulation introduces a new Article 7(6) into Commission Regulation 865/2006, stating that “*Export permits and re-export certificates issued by third countries shall be accepted only if the competent authority from the third country concerned provides, where requested to do so, satisfactory information that the specimens were obtained in accordance with the legislation on the protection of the species concerned*”. ES and UK consider that the CITES Management Authorities of Member States retain the discretion to decide when it is appropriate to seek information from the CITES Management Authority of the third country concerned.