

“Know Your Bow” Campaign

Guidelines for Makers and Shops



Guidelines for Selling New Modern Bows

1. New European bows

- Can be imported into the US with no CITES restrictions, however, **all species information is required (US Lacey Act)**.
- US distributors should share species information with shops for all bows.
- Shops should provide a detailed invoice or “*Declaration of Materials*” to buyers for all bows.
- Encourage buyers to keep receipts for their records.

2. New Chinese bows

- Can be imported into the US with no CITES restrictions, however, **all species information is required (US Lacey Act)**.
- US distributors should share species information with shops for all bows.
- Shops should provide a detailed invoice or “*Declaration of Materials*” for all bows.
- Encourage buyers to keep receipts for their records.

3. Brazilian bows

- CITES documentation is required to verify legal source of wood plus species information (US Lacey Act).
- Beginning in November 2024, Ipe bows from Brazil require US Lacey Act species information.
- Shops should request this species information to pass on to their clients.
- Shops should provide a detailed invoice or “*Declaration of Materials*.”
- Encourage buyers to keep receipts for their records.

4. Modern Artisanal Bows

- Makers must provide a “*Declaration of Bow Materials*” for each bow to list all species and countries of harvest for Lacey Act compliance.
- This document will stay with the bow from importer to shops/dealers, to musicians/buyers.
- Encourage buyers to keep the declaration for their records.

Guidelines for Selling Old Bows

- A detailed invoice or “*Declaration of Bow Materials*” listing all species is required.
- For historical bows, encourage your clients to maintain all records for present or future CITES permitting, international travel or resale including past invoices, sales receipts, certificates, insurance policies, inheritance records or any other historical documentation verifying that it was made before 2007.