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**Subject:**Re: Elephant Import Suspension

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John,

Since TZ elephants require import permits, our findings cover any elephants taken in 2014. Therefore, since we have not issued any permits for 2014 elephants, none will come in at this time.

The suspension of the import on Zim elephants covers any import of 2014 elephants since the announcement was made until such time as the suspension is lifted. If a 2014 elephant has already been imported, we will not retroactively cancel the import. We have not exempted elephants that have already been taken this year.

I need to point out that due to lack of information regarding Zim we could not make a positive enhancement finding at this time. If we get information that support a positive finding this year, we could allow imports of any elephants taken this year. We recognize that US hunters are strongly conservation minded and hope that they and our organization can assist us in gathering the needed information that shows that Zimbabwe is doing what we all want them to do for elephants.

Tim