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### Procedures regarding borrowing of type specimens at MNHN

Our loan conditions for types have changed since the loss of precious specimens due to inappropriate procedures when crossing borders. The loan of type specimen will now only occur as an exception and requires a very close scientific assessment and strict freight procedures.

The scientific assessment will be undertaken by the curator of the collection holding the type. It will be based on the presentation of a sound research project and all additional information he or she may require to assess the request. The assistant director general for collections will decide whether or not to approve the loan request on the basis of this assessment.

Regardless of the scientific interest of the project that sustains the loan request, in order to guarantee the safe return of the loaned specimens, MNHN requires the endorsement of the loan request by the borrower's institution certifying that it will be held responsible should anything happen to the types from the time of their departure from the Paris museum to the time of their return.

Type specimens may no longer be sent by the public postal service. Therefore a means of freight which guarantees that the specimens will be safely delivered at both ends will be required at the borrower's expenses. The borrower will have to make sure that the paperwork regarding crossing borders fulfils all of the countries' regulations.

We apologise for having to implement these procedures but they comply with regulations regarding French national heritage.

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The director general for collections