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Amend the annotation to the listing of Orchidaceae included in Appendix I, as follows:

Delete (去除) the current annotation, which states:

For all of the following Appendix-I species, seedling or tissue cultures obtained in vitro, in solid or liquid media, transported in sterile containers are not subject to the provisions of the Convention.

Replace with (取代以) the following new annotation:

"For all of the following Appendix-I species, seedling or tissue cultures obtained *in vitro*, in solid or liquid media, and transported in sterile containers are not subject to the provisions of the Convention **only if the specimens meet the definition of 'artificially propagated' agreed by the Conference of the Parties**"

The wording of the current annotation fails to convey this understanding, which has led to newly discovered Appendix-I orchid species (and their hybrids) entering trade as flasked seedlings produced from parental stock that has been illegally acquired and exported from range countries (see PC11 Doc. 24.4, PC11 Inf. 8). Furthermore, for some species, it has been documented that this illegal collection and trade has had a detrimental impact on wild populations, including the near-extirpation of at least one species (*Paphiopedilum vietnamense*).