

**OPINION 2192** (Case 3367)***Curculio contractus* Marsham, 1802 (currently *Ceutorhynchus contractus*; Insecta, Coleoptera): specific name conserved**

**Abstract.** The Commission has ruled that the specific name *Ceutorhynchus contractus* (Marsham, 1802) is conserved for a well known species of European weevil (family CURCULIONIDAE) by suppression of a little used senior primary homonym *Curculio contractus* Geoffroy in Fourcroy, 1785.

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**Ruling**

- (1) Under the plenary power it is hereby ruled that the specific name *contractus* Geoffroy in Fourcroy, 1785, as published in the binomen *Curculio contractus*, and all uses of the name *Curculio contractus* before Marsham (1802) are suppressed for the purposes of both the Principle of Priority and the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The name *contractus* Marsham, 1802, as published in the binomen *Curculio contractus*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *contractus* Geoffroy in Fourcroy, 1785, as published in the binomen *Curculio contractus* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

**History of Case 3367**

An application to conserve the specific name *Curculio contractus* Marsham, 1802 for a well-known species of European weevil (family CURCULIONIDAE) by suppression of a little used senior homonym *Curculio contractus* Geoffroy in Fourcroy, 1785, was received from M.G. Morris (*Natural History Museum, London, U.K.*) on 4 November 2005. After correspondence the case was published in BZN **63**: 251–254 (December 2006). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. Comments in support of the application were published in BZN **64**(1): 67; **64**(2): 122. An additional supportive comment was forwarded to the Commissioners together with the voting papers.

**Decision of the Commission**

On 1 September 2007 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN **63**: 253. At the close of the voting period on 1 December 2007 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 19: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bouchet, Brothers, Fautin, Grygier, Halliday, Kottelat, Krell, Kullander, Lamas, Lim, Mahner, Mawatari, Pape, Papp, Rosenberg, Štys, van Tol and Zhang.

Negative votes – 3: Bogutskaya, Kerzhner and Patterson.

Minelli, Ng and Pyle were on leave of absence.

Voting against, Kerzhner commented that no ruling was necessary as the citation of a name as a senior homonym did not necessarily constitute its usage as a valid name. Also voting against, Patterson observed that, although he was sympathetic to the proposal, the consequences of the use of the senior homonym had not been sufficiently discussed.

### **Original references**

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*contractus*, *Curculio*, Geoffroy in Fourcroy, 1785, *Entomologia parisiensis: sive Catalogus Insectorum quae in Agro Parisiensi reperiuntur: secundum methodum Geoffraeanam in sectiones, genera et specibus distributus: cui addita sunt nomina trivialia et fere trecentae novae species*, p. 126.

*contractus*, *Curculio*, Marsham, 1802, *Coleoptera Britannica, sistens Insecta Coleoptera Britanniae indigena, secundum methodum Linnaeanam disposita*, p. 250.