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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>SWITZERLAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Federal Office of Public Health Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: National Notification Authority State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (seco) – NTFB Effingerstrasse 1 CH-3003 Bern Tel: +41 31 324 07 82 Fax: +41 31 324 09 59
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Foodstuffs
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft Modification to the Nutritional Value Ordinance of 26 June 1995 (4 pages in German/French) http://www.bag.admin.ch/verbrau/lebensmi/lmrecht/revisionen/f/index.htm
6. Description of content: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- In the case of supplementary grain feeding and other types of supplementary feeding, the requirement to display the percentage share of vitamins and minerals out of recommended daily doses has been phased out.- In the case of food supplements, energy value and content in terms of nutrients or nutrient components as well as vitamin or mineral content must be given for each serving.- Certain vitamins, minerals and other essential or nutritionally useful ingredients should be added to foodstuffs in pre-determined quantities.- When ss-Carotin is added, the product must bear a warning that it is unsuitable for smokers.
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Health and consumer protection; alignment of Swiss law with EC regulations; adjustment to developments in the fields of food technology and food science.

8.	Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Nutritional Value Ordinance of 26 June 1995 (German/French/Italian: RS 817.021.55) http://www.bk.admin.ch/ch/f/rs/c817_021_55.html- Food Law of 9th October 1992 (German/French/Italian: RS 817.0) http://www.bk.admin.ch/ch/f/rs/c817_0.html- Food Ordinance of 1st March 1995 (German/French/Italian: RS 817.02) http://www.bk.admin.ch/ch/f/rs/c817_02.html
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined Proposed date of entry into force: 1 October 2001
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from date of distribution
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: