

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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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.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>SWITZERLAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Swiss Federal Office of Metrology and Accreditation <b>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:</b> State Secretariat for Economic Affairs
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [X], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Measuring instruments
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Ordinance on measuring instruments, (68 pages, in French and German)
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The ordinance establishes the essential requirements and the corresponding conformity assessments for measuring instruments and systems subject to legal metrological control. It regulates the placing on the market, putting into use and the procedures for the post-market preservation of the metrological properties of the measuring instruments.  The ordinance intends to harmonize the Swiss legislation with the new EC Directive 2004/22/EC on measuring instruments (MID).  This ordinance, as a general and horizontal regulation, will be complemented by a series of specific ordinances on the different types of measuring instruments corresponding to the annexes of the MID.
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Modernization of national regulations; harmonization with EC regulations
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> Law on Metrology (June 9 <sup>th</sup> 1977, <a href="#">SR 941.20</a> ), Law on Technical Barriers to Trade (October 6 <sup>th</sup> 1995, <a href="#">SR 946.51</a> ).
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> to be determined  <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 30 October 2006
10.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 27 December 2004
11.	<b>Texts available from:</b> National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers, e-mail and web-site addresses, if available of the other body: