

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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 Transport Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification can be indicated if different from above:
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): Rafts
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Modification of the Regulations of Internal Navigation on the Swiss Waters, Especially Introduction of Regulations Concerning Inflatable Rafts and Their Technical Equipment
6.	Description of content: The new Regulations intend to improve the safety standard of inflatable rafts. They include general requirements on materials, subdivision of the tubes, bilge system of the raft, safety equipment. Furthermore regulations of the equipment of passengers and the guide are included.
7.	Objective and rationale: The Regulations will be introduced due to an increasing number of severe accidents on the rivers in the last couple of years, some of them with fatal outcome.
8.	Relevant documents: - Law on the Internal Navigation on Swiss Waters; - Ordinance on the Internal Navigation on Swiss Waters, Chapter 45 Special Regulations for Inflatable Rafts.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } End March 1998
10.	Final date for comments: 22 December 1997
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: