

**NOTIFICATION**

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

<b>1. Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>SWITZERLAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Federal Office of Public Health <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>  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
<b>3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
<b>4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Cheese
<b>5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Draft Modifications to the Ordinance of 10 <sup>th</sup> December 1981 on the Designation of Swiss Cheese (French/German; 2 pages) <a href="http://www.bag.admin.ch/verbrau/lebensmi/lmrecht/revisionen/f/index.htm">http://www.bag.admin.ch/verbrau/lebensmi/lmrecht/revisionen/f/index.htm</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The proposed draft modification lays down new dimension (height 3-5cm; diameter: 10-32cm) and weight (350g to 3kg) requirements for whole cheeses of the type "Vacherin Mont d'Or".
<b>7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Prevention of deceptive practices; Amendments are needed to meet market demands.
<b>8. Relevant documents:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Ordinance of 10<sup>th</sup> December 1981 on the Designation of Swiss Cheese (German/French/Italian: RS 817.141) <a href="http://www.bk.admin.ch/ch/f/rs/817_141/index.html">http://www.bk.admin.ch/ch/f/rs/817_141/index.html</a></li><li>- Food Law of 9<sup>th</sup> October 1992 (German/French/Italian: RS 817.0) <a href="http://www.bk.admin.ch/ch/f/rs/c817_0.html">http://www.bk.admin.ch/ch/f/rs/c817_0.html</a></li></ul>

	<p>- Food Ordinance of 1<sup>st</sup> March 1995 (German/French/Italian: RS 817.02)</p> <p><a href="http://www.bk.admin.ch/ch/f/rs/c817_02.html">http://www.bk.admin.ch/ch/f/rs/c817_02.html</a></p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> To be determined</p> <p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 October 2001</p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> 6 August 2001</p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>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:</b></p>