

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

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

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| 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 for Communications, CH-2501 Bienne Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (seco), Berne |
| 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): Telecommunications equipment: radio equipment and telecommunications terminal equipment as referred to in Directive 1999/5 EC of 9th March 1999 (OJ # L 91/10 of 7 April 1999). |
| 5. | Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Decree of the Federal Office for Communications on Telecommunications Terminal Equipment (OOIT); Draft Modification of October 2000; (3 pages, in French) |
| 6. | Description of content: After the implementation into Swiss legislation of the Directive 1999/5/EC of 9th March 1999 on radio equipment and telecommunications terminal equipment and the mutual recognition of their conformity (OJ # L 91/10 of 7th April 1999), the OOIT is still object to certain adaptations, most of them rather formal. The only material change proposes to introduce new interface requirements according to the development of new technologies (RLAN in the 5 GHz and 17 GHz frequency bands [HYPERLAN], TETRA [Terrestrial Trunked Radio], RTTT [Road Transport & Traffic Telematics]) and to cover radio interfaces not covered by the previous directives (radio amateur commercially available equipment). The other modifications are of a formal nature and affect the following items: user information must indicate the foreseen use of the equipment (precision and not introduction of a novelty), the indication of the identification number of the conformity assessment body, the definition of user categories of amateur radio equipment and finally the introduction of a transitional period in case of application of additional essential requirements according to Art. 3.3 of the Directive 1999/5/EC in order to allow time to the manufacturers to update the equipment to the new requirements. |
| 7. | Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Ensure an efficient use of the frequency spectrum, avoid harmful radio interference, consumer protection. |
| 8. | Relevant documents: Decree of 9 December 1997 of the Federal Office for Communications on telecommunications installations (RO 1998 485) and its modifications of 9th March 1999 (RO 1999 4091) and 17 of April 2000 (RO 2000 1077). |

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| 9. | Proposed date of adoption: December 2000 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 2001 |
| 10. | Final date for comments: 15 December 2000 |
| 11. | Texts available from: National enquiry point <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: |