

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.

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 Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall 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): Foodstuffs
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Modification of the Ordinance on Foreign Substances and Components of Foodstuffs
6.	Description of content: Adaption of the thresholds of the lists in the annex of the ordinance. Abolition of several thresholds for pesticides. The modifications are scheduled to come into force on 1 August 1999
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Adaption of the technical regulations to the state of science, abolition of trade barriers (adaption of the Swiss legislation to the EC-legislation), improvement of the health-protection.
8.	Relevant documents: The Ordinance on Foreign Substances and Components of Foodstuffs is based on the Food Law of 9 October 1992 and the Food Ordinance of 1 March 1995.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } 1 August 1999
10.	Final date for comments: 9 July 1999
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: