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Committee on Import Licensing

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**AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES**

**NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1 TO 5.4 OF THE AGREEMENT<sup>1</sup>**

**SWITZERLAND-LIECHTENSTEIN**

The following notification, dated 21 September 2023, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Switzerland.

|   | Category  | Notification details  |
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| 1 | Notifying Member  | Switzerland-Liechtenstein   |
| 2 | Title of new legislation/procedure                                    | Federal Law of 25 September 2020 on precursors for explosive substances (LPSE);<br>Ordinance of 25 May 2022 on precursors for explosive substances (OPSE).  |
| 3 | Date of Publication   | 25 September 2020   |
| 4 | Date of entry into force  | 1 January 2023  |
| 5 | Website link/<br>Official publication of the new regulation/procedure | <a href="#">RS 941.42 - Federal Law of 25 September 2020 on precursors for explosive substances (LPSE) (admin.ch)</a><br><a href="#">RS 941.421 - Ordinance of 25 May 2022 on precursors for explosive substances (OPSE) (admin.ch)</a>   |
| 6 | Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat   | [ ] Yes. (Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.)<br>[x] No  |
| 7 | Type of notification  | [X] (a) New licensing regulation/procedure <sup>2</sup> ; (please answer question 8 to 14)<br>[ ] (b) Changes to a regulation/procedure which has been previously notified in document: _____; (please answer question 15 and 16)   |
| 8 | List of products subject to licensing                                 | Please provide the HS codes and detailed descriptions of the products. In case of a long list, please attach the list as an Annex in MS Word document.<br><br>Private users may import precursors only if they hold an acquisition authorization and if they have entered the necessary data in the information system.<br>The substances subject to authorization pursuant to Annex 1 of the Ordinance on precursors for explosive substances ( <a href="#">RS 941.421 - Ordinance of 25 May 2022 on precursors for explosive substances (OPSE) (admin.ch)</a> ) are classified under the following tariff headings: |

<sup>1</sup> It is understood that by completing this form, the notifying Member has also fulfilled its notification obligations under Article 1.4(a) and Article 8.2(b) concerning the notified relevant law, regulation or procedure.

<sup>2</sup>It is understood that "new [...] regulation/procedure" refers to any newly introduced law, regulation or procedure, as well as to those that are in effect but that are being notified to the Committee for the first time.

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|    |  | Hydrogen peroxide: 2847.00; if in forms or packings for retail sale, 3004.90;<br>Nitromethane: 2904.20;<br>Nitric acid: 2808.00;<br>Potassium chlorate: 2829.19;<br>Sodium chlorate: 2829.11;<br>Potassium perchlorate: 2829.90;<br>Sodium perchlorate: 2829.90;<br>Ammonium nitrate: 3102.30.   |
| 9  | Nature of licensing  | Automatic: [ ]<br>Non-Automatic: [X]   |
| 10 | Administrative purpose/measure being implemented                   | (a) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect public morals<br>(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect human, animal or plant life and health; protect environment;<br>(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Collect trade statistics or market surveillance;<br>(d) <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices;<br>(e) <input type="checkbox"/> Pursue obligations under the UN Charter and other international treaties ( <i>i.e. CITES, Basel Convention, Rotterdam Convention, UNSC Resolutions etc.</i> )<br>(f) <input type="checkbox"/> Quota (including TRQ) administration;<br>(g) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regulate imports of arms, ammunition or fissionable materials and safeguard national security;<br>(h) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ ( <i>please specify</i> ) |
| 11 | Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications            | Ministry/authority and Department: Federal Office of Police (fedpol), Federal Department of Justice and Police (DFJP)<br>Address: [ ]<br>Website: <a href="https://www.fedpol.admin.ch/fedpol/fr/home.html">https://www.fedpol.admin.ch/fedpol/fr/home.html</a><br>Telephone: [ ]<br>E-Mail: [ ]   |
| 12 | Contact point for information on eligibility                       | Ministry/authority and Department: Federal Office of Police (fedpol), Federal Department of Justice and Police (DFJP)<br>Address: [ ]<br>Website: <a href="https://www.fedpol.admin.ch/fedpol/fr/home.html">https://www.fedpol.admin.ch/fedpol/fr/home.html</a><br>Telephone: [ ]<br>E-Mail: [ ]   |
| 13 | Expected duration of licensing procedure                           | Indefinite   |
| 14 | A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages | The regime seeks to ensure that the importer's identity and acquisition authorization or exceptional authorization, and data relating to the materials subject to authorization, can be verified.  |
| 15 | In the case of 7(b), please indicate the type of new change(s)     | <p>(a) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Termination</b><br/> (b) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Suspension</b><br/> (c) <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Modification of specific details in existing procedures:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Product coverage;<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative purpose;<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Automatic or Non-automatic;<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Duration of licensing;<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Change the nature of quantity/value restriction;<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility of applicants;<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Contact information on eligibility;<br/> <input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) for submission of application;</p>  |

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|    |   | <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation requirements (including application form);<br><input type="checkbox"/> Period for Application;<br><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) to issue licence;<br><input type="checkbox"/> Processing time for issuing licence;<br><input type="checkbox"/> Licence fee/administrative charge;<br><input type="checkbox"/> Deposit/advance payment and relevant conditions;<br><input type="checkbox"/> Appeal regulations/procedures;<br><input type="checkbox"/> Validity of licence;<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other conditions of licence (extension, transferability, penalty of non-use etc.);<br><input type="checkbox"/> Foreign exchange requirements;<br><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify). |
| 16 | Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the official WTO languages) |  |

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