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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1.	Party to Agreement notifying: SWITZERLAND
2.	Agency responsible: Federal Office of Environmental Protection
3.	Notified under Article 2.5.2 [x], 2.6.1 [ ], 7.3.2 [ ], 7.4.1 [ ], Other:
4.	Products covered (CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading): Antifoulings CCCN 32
5.	Title: Draft Amendment to the Ordinance on Chemicals Dangerous to the Environment
6.	Description of content: The proposed draft amendment envisages introducing a prior approval procedure for antifoulings to be used as surface coating for ships in order to inhibit the growth of plant and animal organisms at the hull of ships. As from 1 January 1989 the maximum content of organotin-compounds in antifoulings will be limited to 7.5 per cent, of which up to 1.5 per cent as free compounds. As from 1 January 1992 the maximum content will be limited to 1.5 per cent.
7.	Objective and rationale: Water protection
8.	Relevant documents: Draft amendment May 1987
9.	Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: Adoption: late 1987 Entry into force: 1 January 1988
10.	Final date for comments: 15 September 1987
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [x] or address of other body: