

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

RESTRICTED

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### NOTIFICATION

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

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| 1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>SWITZERLAND</u>  |  |                  |  |                  |  |                  |   |                  |   |               |
| 2. Agency responsible: Federal Department of Interior  |  |                  |  |                  |  |                  |   |                  |   |               |
| 3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], Other:  |  |                  |  |                  |  |                  |   |                  |   |               |
| 4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):<br>2903.14; 2903.1900; 2903.40; 3813.00; 3814.00; 3823.90; 39; 84.15;<br>84.18; 9404.2   |  |                  |  |                  |  |                  |   |                  |   |               |
| 5. Title: Draft Amendment of the Ordinance relating to Environmentally Hazardous Substances of 9 June 1986   |  |                  |  |                  |  |                  |   |                  |   |               |
| 6. Description of content: Annex 3.4 of the Ordinance now covers all CFCs, all HCFCs, all halons, methylchloroform, and carbon tetrachloride.<br><br>Compressed-gas containers, foams and solvents containing ozone-depleting substances, as well as articles made of plastic which contain cadmium shall no more be imported. The date of entry into force is deferred for the following products:<br><br><table><tr><td>- compressed-gas containers containing only HCFCs or trichloroethane</td><td>31 December 1992</td></tr><tr><td>- foams for isolation of refrigerators</td><td>31 December 1993</td></tr><tr><td>- foams made of polyurethane or polystyrene and containing HCFCs</td><td>31 December 1995</td></tr><tr><td>- refrigerators, air-conditioning equipment and heat pumps containing refrigerants made of CFCs. (Equipment containing refrigerants other than CFCs are not regulated).</td><td>31 December 1993</td></tr><tr><td>- preparation and charges for fire-extinguishers made of or containing ozone-depleting substances</td><td>31 March 1991</td></tr></table><br>The implementing authority may grant exceptions on a case by case basis. | - compressed-gas containers containing only HCFCs or trichloroethane | 31 December 1992 | - foams for isolation of refrigerators | 31 December 1993 | - foams made of polyurethane or polystyrene and containing HCFCs | 31 December 1995 | - refrigerators, air-conditioning equipment and heat pumps containing refrigerants made of CFCs. (Equipment containing refrigerants other than CFCs are not regulated). | 31 December 1993 | - preparation and charges for fire-extinguishers made of or containing ozone-depleting substances | 31 March 1991 |
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7. Objective and rationale: Fulfilment of the requirements of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer of 16 September 1987 as amended

8. Relevant documents: Draft Amendment of May 1990

9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: Adoption: 1990  
Enforcement: 1 January 1991

10. Final date for comments: 28 September 1990

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point  or address of other body: