

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

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NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: <u>SWITZERLAND</u>
2. Agency responsible: Federal Office of Public Health
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): Toxic substances
5. Title: Ordinance on the Prohibition of Toxic Substances
6. Description of content: This revision repeals some provisions concerning dangerous substances, introduces some new ones and maintains some others. Its purpose is to make our legislation compatible with Community law.
7. Objective and rationale: Swiss membership of the European Economic Area and the regulation of trade in toxic substances require a thorough revision of Swiss legislation as a whole. The proposed changes concern in particular the prohibitions and restrictions relating to the placing on the market and the utilization of certain dangerous substances and preparations.
8. Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Federal Law on Trade in Toxic Substances- Federal Law on Protection of the Environment- Directive 76/769/EEC- Directive 79/117/EEC
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1 January 1993
10. Final date for comments: 29 October 1992
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: