

# 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: Bureau de la Consommation (Bureau of Consumer Affairs)
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): Textile products
5. Title: Ordinance of the Department of Public Economy on Names of Textile Products
6. Description of content: Textile products which are placed on the market on a commercial basis or sold to consumers in Switzerland must bear a label indicating the nature of the raw materials used and their percentage by weight.
7. Objective and rationale: The European Economic Area establishes the requirement of compulsory labelling of textiles on the basis of the Directive relating to textile names (Directive 75/36/EEC). The Directive lays down uniform rules for placing textile products on the market in order to guide consumers with respect to the composition of textile products and to facilitate international trade in textile products. This Ordinance lays down the principles of the compulsory labelling of textiles and follows the EEC analysing methods.
8. Relevant documents: Federal Order amending the Federal Law on Consumer Information (Feuille fédérale 1992 V 308; Recueil officiel 1992 910)
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Upon entry into force of the EEE
10. Final date for comments: 6 January 1993
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: