

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 Transport
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): Passenger ships (for more than 12 passengers)
5. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Ordinance on Construction and Operation of Ships and Installations of Licensed Shipping Companies
6. Description of content: The ordinance and its regulations concerning the execution are proposed to set rules and limits for construction and operation of installations and passenger ships of licensed shipping companies in Switzerland. It deals with problems of intact stability, stability in swamped conditions, firefighting equipment, construction, safety equipment, life-saving equipment, manning, instruction and training of the crew, environmental purposes, general equipment. In many parts the regulations are similar to the existing Rhine regulations.
7. Objective and rationale: The existing regulations were put into force in 1976 and have not been adjusted since then. Many of these regulations are not up-to-date today. With the new regulations the safety of passengers aboard ships will be improved. Furthermore environmental protection will also be improved.
8. Relevant documents:
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1 November 1993
10. Final date for comments: 24 May 1993
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: