

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

## TARIFFS AND TRADE

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### Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

#### 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 Office of Energy  |                       |                       |                           |                  |
| 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><br>Household electric washing machines   |                       |                       |                           |                  |
| 5. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Annex 5 of the Ordinance on the Saving and Rational use of Energy   |                       |                       |                           |                  |
| 6. Description of content: A Z target-value is established, aimed at reducing energy consumption by household electric washing machines. Z energy consumption is understood as kWh per kilogramme of dry clothing (nominal capacity).<br><br><table border="0"><tr><td style="text-align: center;"><u>Category</u></td><td style="text-align: center;"><u>Z Target-value</u></td></tr><tr><td style="text-align: center;">Electric washing machines</td><td style="text-align: center;">Z = 0.23 kWh/kg.</td></tr></table><br>(A target-value is not a standard. It indicates a recommended consumption per kilogramme of dry clothing to be reached by 1997, and places no restrictions on trade in Switzerland.) | <u>Category</u>       | <u>Z Target-value</u> | Electric washing machines | Z = 0.23 kWh/kg. |
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| Electric washing machines  | Z = 0.23 kWh/kg.      |                       |                           |                  |
| 7. Objective and rationale: Saving and rational use of energy. The target-values are an essential element of Switzerland's "Energy 2000" programme, which aims in particular to stabilize electricity consumption by the turn of the century, then reduce it.  |                       |                       |                           |                  |
| 8. Relevant documents: Energy consumption is established in accordance with Standard IEC 456.<br><br>Ordinance aimed at saving and rational use of energy.   |                       |                       |                           |                  |
| 9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Late 1993   |                       |                       |                           |                  |
| 10. Final date for comments: 15 June 1993  |                       |                       |                           |                  |
| 11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body:   |                       |                       |                           |                  |