

**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.

1.	Party to Agreement notifying: <u>SWITZERLAND</u>
2.	Agency responsible: Federal Office of Environment, Forests and Landscape
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. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Pesticides (Isodrin Kelevan, Chlordecon, Quintocen), PCB-Substances halogenated diphenylmethanes), complexing agent PDTA, batteries, ozone-depleting substances, halogenated solvents, lead.
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Ordinance Relating to Environmentally Hazardous Substances: Draft Revision of Annexes 3 and 4
6.	Description of content: In order to adapt our environmental standards with the international harmonization, we propose: Total ban for Isodrin, Kelevan, Chlordecon, Quintocen, Monomethyltetrachlorodiphenylmethane, Monomethyldichlorodiphenylmethane, Monomethyldibromodiphenylmethane. Ban for lead seals around wine corks. Limit values for PDTA in detergents and cleaning agents. Refundable deposits on rechargeable nickel-cadmium-batteries. Labelling of batteries and limit values for cadmium and mercury: harmonization with 93/86/EEC. Professionally used halogenated solvents: Obligation to collect wastes separately; recycling compulsory under certain circumstances. Complete phasing out of HCFC's by 2000; further restrictions for methyl bromide.
7.	Objective and rationale: International harmonization; adaptation of environmental standards to the current state of science and technology.
8.	Relevant documents: Ordinance relating to Environmentally Hazardous Substances (Ordinance on Substances, Osubst) of 9 June 1986

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9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Spring 1995
10.	Final date for comments: 20 June 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: