

**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 Veterinary Office
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): Live animals, animal products (a.o. offals and side products, semen and embryos)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Animal Health Ordinance
6.	Description of content: The main reasons for preparing this draft are the following: the designation of highly contagious animal diseases that should be eradicated as quickly as possible and other epidemics with various control objectives and the definition of necessary control measures.
7.	Objective and rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Regulation of a modification on the Animal Health Law (designation of animal diseases, control objectives, regionalization of control measures, recompensation of the animal owners by the Confederation, research, diagnostic and surveillance of diseases)- Harmonization with EU-veterinary legislation- Adjustment to changed national and international disease situation to structural changes in the animal production sector as well as to recently acquired scientific knowledge

8.	<p>Relevant documents:</p> <p><u>Swiss Law</u>: The ordinance is based on Article 53 of the Animal Health Law of 1 July 1966 (TSG; SR 916.40)</p> <p><u>Modified</u> are Article 17 paragraphs 1 and 5 of the Cattle and Small Livestock Breeding Ordinance of 29 August 1958 and Article 1, subsection 1, letter g, of the Import, Transit and Export of Animals and Animal Products Ordinance of 20 April 1988</p> <p><u>Annulled</u> is the Animal Health Ordinance of 15 December 1967</p>
9.	<p>Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Spring 1995</p>
10.	<p>Final date for comments: 9 December 1994</p>
11.	<p>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body:</p>