

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1. Member to Agreement notifying: <u>SWITZERLAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Swiss Federal Roads Office (FEDRO), Berne Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (seco), Berne
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Road vehicles
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Modification of the Decree about the Technical Requirements for Road Vehicles (VTS) and of the Decree about the Type-Approval of Road Vehicles (TGV)
6. Description of content: The modifications relative to the VTS are covering apart from some corrections and specifications of certain regulations mainly the adaptations to the continuously evolved EC-Legislation respectively to new or modified EC-Directives and ECE-Regulations. Concerned are by name: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- For the first time the pollution-prescriptions for compressed-ignition engines used in industrial motor vehicles and industrial trailers;- Reorganisation of the homologation procedure for agricultural vehicles with overwidth;- The extension concerning the delegation of vehicle inspections followed by the first immatriculation (self-approval) on trailers and- Introduction of the swing-out dimension for motor vehicles of categories M2, M3 and N. <p>The modifications relative to the TGV are – apart from adaptations and completions due to modified EC-Directives – by name the outsourcing of the technical inspections led up to now through FEDRO to a private agency.</p>
7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: Adaptation to modified EC-Legislation respectively to new or modified EC-Directives as well as ECE-Regulations
8. Relevant documents: Decree of June 19, 1995 about the Technical Requirements for Road Vehicles (VTS) and the Decree of June 19, 1995 about the Type-approval of Road Vehicles (TGV)

9.	Proposed date of adoption: June 2000 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 September 2000
10.	Final date for comments: 29 February 2000
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: