

**AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES**

Notification under Article 1.4(a)<sup>1</sup> and/or 8.2(b)<sup>2</sup>  
of the Agreement

SWITZERLAND

The following notification, dated 19 January 2012, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Switzerland.

<b>1.</b>	<b>Notification under Article 1.4(a) [X]; Article 8.2(b) [X]</b> ( <i>If the notification is made under both Articles please mark both with an X</i> )
<b>2.</b>	<b>Source(s) where the Import Licensing Procedure(s) has(ve) been published (Official Gazette, publication, website, etc.):</b>  <a href="http://www.admin.ch/ch/f/rs/rs.html">http://www.admin.ch/ch/f/rs/rs.html</a>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Date of publication:</b> <sup>1</sup> see point 6 below <b>Effective date of requirement:</b> see point 6 below
<b>4.</b>	<b>Copy(ies) of publication (in case of Art. 1.4(a))<sup>3</sup> and/or legislation (in case of Art. 8.2(b))<sup>4</sup> is(are) available for consultation by Members:</b>  [X] <b>at the WTO Secretariat (Market Access Division)</b> ( <i>In this case please attach copies of the publication and or legislation, if possible in electronic format: Microsoft Word or compatible software</i> )  <b>and/or</b>  [X] <b>by request at the following address and fax numbers, and/or e-mail and website:</b>  <a href="http://www.admin.ch/ch/f/rs/rs.html">http://www.admin.ch/ch/f/rs/rs.html</a>
<b>5.</b>	<b>In the case that they are not in one of the three WTO official languages, (<i>English, French or Spanish</i>) a SUMMARY of the <u>publication (in case of Art. 1.4(a)) and/or the legislation (in case of Art. 8.2(b))</u>:<sup>4</sup></b>  [ ]

**6. Other pertinent data or information (i.e. title of the proposed or adopted law/regulation establishing the Import Licensing Procedure):**

**Agricultural commodities**

Federal Law of 29 April 1998 on agriculture (RS 910.1), entry into force (EIF) 1 January 1999

General Ordinance of 26 October 2011 on imports of agricultural commodities (RS 916.01), EIF 1 January 2012

Ordinance of 14 November 2007 on livestock (RS 916.310), EIF 1 January 2008

Ordinance of 26 November 2003 on the slaughter cattle and meat markets (RS 916.341), EIF 1 January 2004

Ordinance of 26 November 2003 on the egg market (RS 916.371), EIF 1 January 2004

Ordinance of 7 December 1998 on the import and export of vegetables, fruit and horticultural plants (RS 916.121.10), EIF 1 January 1999

Ordinance of 14 November 2007 on viticulture and the import of wine (RS 916.140), EIF 1 January 2008

**Sanitary and phytosanitary measures**

Ordinance of 18 April 2007 on the import, transit and export of animals and animal products (RS 916.443.10), EIF 1 May 2007

Ordinance of 27 August 2008 on the import and transit of animal products by air from third countries (RS 916.443.13), EIF 1 October 2008

Ordinance of 18 April 2007 on the import of pets (RS 916.443.14), EIF 1 July 2007

Law of 1 July 1966 on epizootics (RS 916.40), EIF 1 January 1967

Ordinance of 27 October 2010 on plant protection (RS 916.20), EIF 1 January 2011

Federal Law of 4 October 1991 on forests (RS 921.0), EIF 1 January 1993

**Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES)**

Ordinance of 18 April 2007 on the conservation of species (RS 453), EIF 1 July 2007

Convention of 3 March 1973 on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (RS 0.453), EIF 1 July 1975

Federal Law of 16 December 2005 on the protection of animals (RS 455), EIF 1 September 2008

Federal Law of 21 June 1991 on fisheries (RS 923.0), EIF 1 January 1994

Ordinance of 16 May 2007 on the controls to be performed under the Convention on the conservation of species (RS 453.1), EIF 1 July 2007

Law of 20 June 1986 on hunting and the protection of wild mammals and birds (RS 922.0), EIF 1 April 1988

**Forest reproductive material**

Ordinance of 29 November 1994 on forest reproductive material (RS 921.552.1), EIF 1 January 1995

Federal Law of 4 October 1991 on forests (RS 921.0), EIF 1 January 1993

Ordinance of 30 November 1992 on forests (RS 921.01), EIF 1 January 1993

### **Transplants**

Federal Law of 8 October 2004 on the transplantation of organs, tissues and cells (RS 810.21), EIF 1 July 2007

Ordinance of 16 March 2007 on the transplantation of organs, tissues and cells (RS 810.211), EIF 1 July 2007

### **Blood, blood products and immunological products for human use**

Federal Law of 15 December 2000 on medicinal products and medical devices (RS 812.21), EIF 1 January 2002

Ordinance of 17 October 2001 on authorizations regarding medicinal products (RS 812.212.1), EIF 1 January 2002

### **Narcotic drugs, psychotropic substances and precursors used and marketed for legal purposes**

Federal Law of 3 October 1951 on narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances (RS 812.121), EIF 1 June 1952

Ordinance of 25 May 2011 on the control of narcotic drugs (RS 812.121.1), EIF 1 July 2011

### **Ethanol**

Federal Law of 21 June 1932 on alcohol (RS 680), EIF 1 January 1933

### **Goods of vital agricultural and industrial importance subject to compulsory stockpiling**

Federal Law of 8 October 1982 on national economic supply (RS 531), EIF 1 September 1983

Ordinance of 6 July 1983 on building up compulsory reserve stocks of sugar (RS 531.215.11), EIF 1 September 1983

Ordinance of 6 July 1983 on building up compulsory reserve stocks of edible rice (RS 531.215.12) EIF 1 September 1983

Ordinance of 6 July 1983 on building up compulsory reserve stocks of edible oils and fats, as well as their raw materials and semi-processed products (RS 531.215.13), EIF 1 September 1983

Ordinance of 6 July 1983 on building up compulsory reserve stocks of coffee (RS 531.215.14), EIF 1 September 1983

Ordinance of 25 April 2001 on compulsory stockpiling of cereals, special cereals and of energy- and protein-rich foods for use in animal feed (RS 531.215.17), EIF 1 July 2001

Ordinance of 6 July 1983 on building up compulsory reserve stocks of fuel and liquid fuel (RS 531.215.41), EIF 1 September 1983

### **War material, weapons**

Federal Law of 13 December 1996 on war materiel (RS 514.51), EIF 1 April 1998

Ordinance of 25 February 1998 on war material (RS 514.511), EIF 1 April 1998

Federal Law of 13 December 1996 on the control of goods for civilian and military purposes and specific military goods (RS 946.202), EIF 1 October 1997

Ordinance of 17 October 2007 on the control of chemical products for civilian and military purposes (RS 946.202.21), EIF 1 January 2008

Federal Law of 20 June 1997 on weapons, weapon accessories and ammunition (RS 514.54), EIF 1 January 1999

Ordinance of 2 July 2008 on weapons, weapon accessories and ammunition (RS 514.541), EIF 12 December 2008

**Explosive materials and pyrotechnic devices for civilian use**

Federal Law of 25 March 1977 on explosive substances (RS 941.41), EIF 1 June 1980

Ordinance of 27 November 2000 on explosive substances (RS 941.411), EIF 1 February 2001

**Nuclear fuel, debris and waste**

Law of 21 March 2003 on nuclear energy (RS 732.1), EIF 1 February 2005

Ordinance of 10 December 2004 on nuclear energy (RS 732.11), EIF 1 February 2005

Law of 22 March 1991 on radiation protection (RS 814.50), EIF 1 October 1994

Ordinance of 22 June 1994 on radiation protection (RS 814.501), EIF 1 October 1994

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<sup>1</sup> "[...] Publication shall take place, whenever practicable, 21 days prior to the effective date of the requirement but in all events not later than such effective date. Any exception, derogations or changes in or from the rules concerning licensing procedures or the list of products subject to import licensing shall also be published in the same manner and within the same time periods as specified above." See Article 1.4(a) of the Agreement.

<sup>2</sup> "Each Member shall inform the Committee of any changes in its laws and regulations relevant to this Agreement and in the administration of such laws and regulations."

<sup>3</sup> "The rules and all information concerning procedures for the submission of applications, including the eligibility of persons, firms and institutions to make such applications, the administrative body(ies) to be approached, and the lists of products subject to the licensing requirement shall be published, in the sources notified to the Committee on Import Licensing [...] Copies of these publications shall also be made available to the Secretariat." See Article 1.4(a) of the Agreement and document G/LIC/3 "Procedures for Notification and Review under the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures".

<sup>4</sup> See document G/LIC/3 "Procedures for Notification and Review under the Agreement on Import Licensing Procedures".