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AGREEMENT ON IMPORT LICENSING PROCEDURES

NOTIFICATION UNDER ARTICLE 5.1 TO 5.4 OF THE AGREEMENT¹

SWITZERLAND

The following notification, dated 6 March 2019, is being circulated at the request of the delegation of Switzerland.

	Category	Notification details
1	Notifying Member	Switzerland
2	Title of new legislation/procedure	Federal Law on Alcohol (RS 680), amendment of 30 September 2016
3	Date of Publication	21 March 2017
4	Date of entry into force	1 January 2019
5	Website link/Official publication of the new regulation/procedure	https://www.admin.ch/opc/fr/official-compilation/2017/777.pdf
6	Have you attached a copy of the regulation (PDF) to the Secretariat	[] Yes. (Please attach a copy of the regulation to the notification.) [X] No.
7	Type of notification	[] (a) New licensing regulation/procedure ² ; (please answer question 8 to 14) [X] (b) Changes to a regulation/procedure which has been previously notified in document: G/LIC/N/3/CHE/14 ; (please answer question 15 and 16)
8	List of products subject to licensing	Please provide the HS codes and detailed descriptions of the products. In case of a long list, please attach the list as an Annex in MS Word document.
9	Nature of licensing	Automatic: [] Non-Automatic: []
10	Administrative purpose/measure being implemented	(a) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect public morals; (b) <input type="checkbox"/> Protect human, animal or plant life or health; (c) <input type="checkbox"/> Collect trade statistics or market surveillance; (d) <input type="checkbox"/> Protection of patents, trademarks and copyrights, and the prevention of deceptive practices; (e) <input type="checkbox"/> Pursue obligations under the UN Charter and other international treaties (i.e. CITES, Basel Convention, Rotterdam Convention, UNSC Resolutions etc.) (f) <input type="checkbox"/> Quota (including TRQ) administration; (g) <input type="checkbox"/> Regulate imports of arms, ammunition or fissionable materials and safeguard national security; (h) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: (please specify)
11	Administrative body(ies) for submission of applications	Ministry/authority and Department: [] Address: [] Website: [] Telephone: [] Email: []

¹ It is understood that by completing this form, the notifying Member has also fulfilled its notification obligations under Article 1.4(a) and Article 8.2(b) concerning the notified relevant law, regulation or procedure.

² It is understood that "new [...] regulation/procedure" refers to any newly introduced law, regulation or procedure, as well as to those that are in effect but that are being notified to the Committee for the first time.

	Category	Notification details
12	Contact point for information on eligibility	Ministry/authority and Department: [] Address: [] Website: [] Telephone: [] Email: []
13	Expected duration of licensing procedure	
14	A summary of the notification in one of the WTO official languages	
15	In the case of 7(b), please indicate the type of new change(s)	<p>(a) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Termination</p> <p>(b) <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension</p> <p>(c) <input type="checkbox"/> Modification of specific details in existing procedures:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Product coverage;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative purpose;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Automatic or Non-automatic;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Duration of licensing;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Change the nature of quantity/value restriction;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Eligibility of applicants;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Contact information on eligibility;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) for submission of application;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Documentation requirements (including application form);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Period for Application;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Administrative body(ies) to issue licence;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Processing time for issuing licence;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Licence fee/administrative charge;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Deposit/advance payment and relevant conditions;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Appeal regulations/procedures;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Validity of licence;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other conditions of licence (extension, transferability, penalty of non-use etc.);</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Foreign exchange requirements;</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ (please specify).</p>
16	Please elaborate the changes in detail (in one of the official WTO languages)	Switzerland has eliminated the State monopoly on trade in ethanol. The import licensing requirement has also been abolished. The liberalization of the ethanol market took effect on 1 January 2019.