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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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### NOTIFICATION

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

1.	<b>Notifying Member:</b> <u>SWITZERLAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> <i>Office fédéral de la sécurité alimentaire et des affaires vétérinaires, OSAV (Federal Office for Food Security and Veterinary Affairs)</i>  <b>Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b> <i>Secrétariat d'Etat à l'économie, SECO (State Secretariat for Economic Affairs)</i> Holzikofenweg 36 3003 Berne Fax: +41 (0)58 464 09 58 Email: <a href="mailto:tbt@seco.admin.ch">tbt@seco.admin.ch</a> Website: <a href="http://www.seco.admin.ch/">http://www.seco.admin.ch/</a>
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition where applicable):</b> Materials and articles intended to enter into contact with food, which are expected to enter into contact with food under normal or reasonably foreseeable conditions of use, or which are intended to transfer their constituents to food, and which are made from metal, plastic, cellulose, glass, paper or cardboard, wax or paraffin, or silicone; packaging inks.
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <i>Ordonnance sur les denrées alimentaires et les objets usuels (ODAI/OU)</i> (Ordinance on food and basic commodities)</li><li>• <i>Ordonnance sur les matériaux et objets destinés à entrer en contact avec les denrées alimentaires</i> (Ordinance on materials and articles intended to come into contact with food) (58 pages, in German, French and Italian)</li></ul>
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> General requirements regarding material and articles intended to come into contact with food have been established in a revised version of the Ordinance on food and basic commodities. These requirements are specified in the Ordinance on materials and articles intended to come into contact with food (including permitted chemical substances). Several major amendments have been made: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The observance of good manufacturing practices (GMP) has been made mandatory at all stages of manufacturing.</li><li>• The principle of traceability has been introduced.</li><li>• Provisions have been harmonized with the legislation of the main economic partner with regard to plastic materials and articles, and the recycling of plastic materials and articles.</li><li>• The annex on printing inks has been amended.</li><li>• Materials and articles intended for water distribution have been excluded from the</li></ul>

scope of the Ordinance.	
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Partially harmonize standards with the legislation of the main economic partner, minimize legal discrepancies with the European Union, and ensure an equivalent safety level in Switzerland in the field of materials and articles intended to come into contact with food.
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> The draft technical regulation can be downloaded from the complete draft revision of the legislation on food and basic commodities, which is available at: <a href="http://www.blv.admin.ch/dokumentation/01013/05845/05846/index.html?lang=fr">http://www.blv.admin.ch/dokumentation/01013/05845/05846/index.html?lang=fr</a>
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> July 2016 <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> July 2016
10.	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 1 November 2015
11.	<b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:</b> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/TBT/CHE/15_3128_00_f.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/TBT/CHE/15_3128_00_f.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/TBT/CHE/15_3128_01_f.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2015/TBT/CHE/15_3128_01_f.pdf</a>