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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. Notifying Member: <u>SWITZERLAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Federal Office of Public Health (BAG) Schwarzenburgstrasse 157, 3003 Bern; RRM@bag.admin.ch ; www.bag.admin.ch 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: State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO Holzikofenweg 36, 3003 Bern tbt@seco.admin.ch , www.seco.admin.ch
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): INORGANIC CHEMICALS; ORGANIC OR INORGANIC COMPOUNDS OF PRECIOUS METALS, OF RARE-EARTH METALS, OF RADIOACTIVE ELEMENTS OR OF ISOTOPES (HS 28); ORGANIC CHEMICALS (HS 29); MISCELLANEOUS CHEMICAL PRODUCTS (HS 38); CHEMICAL TECHNOLOGY (ICS 71)
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Annexes 2 and 3 of the Ordinance on Protection against Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Chemicals Ordinance) (4 page(s), in German; 3 page(s), in French; 3 page(s), in Italian)
6. Description of content: The technical regulations for the classification, labelling and packaging of substances and preparations will be updated and thus adapted to technical progress in the EU (16th and 17th ATP of the EU CLP Regulation; binding from 1 March 2022). This draft revision updates the list of harmonized classifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• inclusion of 22 substances;• amendment of 41 existing entries With this draft revision, the latest developments in test methods for substances and preparations (OECD) are adopted. Two substances are included in the candidate list of substance of very high concern. This listing triggers information obligations along the supply chain.

7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: National security requirements; Consumer information, labelling; Protection of human health or safety; Protection of the environment; Harmonization; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade
8.	Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Detailed description of the changes (in German, French, Italian): https://www.anmeldestelle.admin.ch/chem/de/home/themen/recht-wegleitungen/revisionen-des-chemikalienrechts/anpassung-anhaenge-2-3-chemikalienverordnung.html Ordinance on Protection against Dangerous Substances and Preparations (Ordinance to be changed): https://www.admin.ch/opc/en/classified-compilation/20141117/index.html
9.	Proposed date of adoption: 1 September 2021 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 March 2022
10.	Final date for comments: 60 days from notification
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/TBT/CHE/21_4429_00_f.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/TBT/CHE/21_4429_00_x2.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2021/TBT/CHE/21_4429_00_x.pdf