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**Council for Trade-Related Aspects of
Intellectual Property Rights**

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**NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS UNDER
ARTICLE 63.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT**

SWITZERLAND: ORDINANCE ON THE PROTECTION OF APPELLATIONS OF ORIGIN AND
GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, PROCESSED
AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, FORESTRY PRODUCTS AND
PROCESSED FORESTRY PRODUCTS

Notifying Member	SWITZERLAND
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Details of the notified legal text

Title	Ordinance on the protection of appellations of origin and geographical indications for agricultural products, processed agricultural products, forestry products and processed forestry products
Subject matter	Geographical indications
Nature of notification	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
Link to legal text*	https://ip-documents.info/2022/IP/CHE/22_0960_00_f.pdf
Notification status	<input type="checkbox"/> First notification <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
Previous notification(s) referred to	IP/N/1/CHE/37 , IP/N/1/CHE/G/37

Brief description of the notified legal text

This Ordinance specifies the types of appellation which may be registered, the protection afforded to them, registration procedures and control requirements: definitions of registered appellation of origin and protected geographical indication; generic names; registration procedure (persons entitled to file applications for registration, content of the application, specifications, decision, opposition, registration and publication, etc.); control, etc.

Most recent amendments concerning GIs:

Art. 5; 17, para. 4b; para. 5; 18, para. 1bis; 19; 19a, para. 1; 23a:

- Persons entitled to file applications for registration: for plant products, only significant producers are taken into account; registered appellation of origin and protected geographical indication products as ingredients or components of processed products; indication of certification body; requirements relating to certification bodies.

Art. 17, para. 2e ; 21a, para. 4:

- Repealed on 11 November 2020.

* Links are provided to texts of laws and regulations notified under the TRIPS Agreement in the form supplied by the Member concerned; the WTO Secretariat does not endorse or revise their content.

Language(s) of notified legal text	French
Entry into force	1 January 2021
Other date	Adoption: 11 November 2020

Notification details

Submission date of notification	20 January 2022
Other information	
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