NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.4.

1. **Party or Agency:** Switzerland

2. **Provision of the Agreement:** Article 2.5.2

3. **Product(s) covered, CCCN Heading (National Tariff Heading where applicable):**
   - Products for washing, rinsing and cleaning
   - Tariff heading: 3402

4. **Title of project:** Amendment of ordinance on detergents: dosage of phosphates

5. **Description:** Establishment of maximum and indicative values for phosphates content of detergents

6. **Objective and rationale:** Water protection. Less harmful substitutes for phosphates are now known; in recent years, detergents have come onto the market in which phosphates have been partly replaced by other substances, in particular sodium-aluminium-silicate. The new limits correspond more or less to the phosphates content of these pilot products.

7. **Relevant document(s):** Ordinance on products for washing, rinsing and cleaning (Ordinance on detergents) of 13.5.1977.*

8. **Where published, when adopted:** Recueil Officiel (Official Gazette)

9. **Final date for submission of comments:** 1 October 1980

10. **Proposed date of adoption and entry into force:** Beginning 1981.

11. **Comments to be addressed to:** OFAEE, Questions du commerce mondial - GATT, Palais fédéral Est, 3003 Berne.

*Draft amendment to ordinance, a copy of which may be consulted at the GATT secretariat.