NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: **SWITZERLAND**


3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], Other:

4. Products covered (HS where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
   - Mineral water: 2201.1000
   - Soft drinks containing carbonic acid: 2202.1000; 2202.9011-9090
   - Beer: 2203.0010-0039

5. Title: Draft Regulation on Packages for Beverages

6. Description of content: The draft proposal contains prescriptions concerning packaging and labelling of mineral water, soft drinks (including fruit juice) containing carbonic acid and beer. Packages of aluminium cans or steel cans are prohibited. Packages made of PVC or other synthetic plastic materials containing chlorine are likewise prohibited. The placing on the market of such beverages in packages not intended for re-use is only allowed in units up to 0.4 l. (certain exceptions possible) and up to 7.5 per cent of the total inland production or import. The seller has to retain a deposit for containers with more than five units and for all packages intended for re-use. Finally the packages have to be labelled accordingly with a distinctive pictogramme.

7. Objective and rationale: Protection of the environment

8. Relevant documents: Draft Regulation, December 1988

9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: Not decided yet

10. Final date for comments: 30 June 1989

11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body:

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