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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: SWITZERLAND

2. Agency responsible: Central Office of the Federal Control of Precious Metals; Directorate General of Swiss Customs

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

4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):
   Works in precious metals, plated, multimetals and imitations ("similis").
   Precious metals presented as material for smelting and products of smelting.


6. Description of content:
   - Acknowledgement of the ISO norm 9202.2. for palladium (500 and 950 standard of fineness), new standards of fineness for gold (375 and 916) and for platinum (850 and 900).
   - Acknowledgement of the ISO norm 3160/1 for plated works or with a minimum thickness of 5 microns.
   - Legal acknowledgement of tableware in silvered metal.
   - Marking and official stamping of a new category of works "the multimetals" (precious metals combined with common metals).
   - Creation of a legal basis for the marking of works intended for exportation with designations not admitted in Switzerland.
   - Legalization of international standards of fineness that are usual for medals in precious metals.
   - Introduction of checking by chance of the shipments of precious metals at the importation.
   - The goal of the law is to protect the consumer and to fight against the unloyal competition.

7. Objective and rationale: Accommodation of the law to the international standards (ISO and CEN) and to the technical progress.

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9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: July 1992

10. Final date for comments: 20 February 1992

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