NOTIFICATION

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

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

2. Agency responsible: Federal Department for Transport, Communications and Energy, General secretariat; PTT General Directorate, R & D Department

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):
   - Terminal equipment with switching facilities (e.g. PABX)

5. Title: Technical Specification for Terminal Equipment: Private Branch Exchanges (PABX); Minimum Technical and Functional Requirement for Terminal Equipment with Switching Facilities Connected to the Public Telecommunications Networks and Equivalent Leased Lines.

6. Description of content: The specification defines the minimum requirement a PABX or similar terminal equipment has to meet in order to get permission to be connected to the public telephone networks and/or equivalent leased lines. (Technical basis for liberalization of the Swiss PABX-market.)

7. Objective and rationale: For homologation (mandatory for getting legal access to the free market) PABX equipment has to meet these clearly defined minimum technical requirements. The present specification is based on the corresponding prescriptions for PTT planning and procurement. It has been revised and updated in accordance with the rules for harmonization in general and in particular with respect to the NET4-domain, set up by CEPT/TRAC and the responsible authorities of EC and EFTA. Depending on progress in the NET4 harmonization process, further revisions will be planned.

In view of the introduction of the new Swiss telecommunications law and also following the general trends towards more liberalization, measures to prevent persons, networks and network-functions from harm potentially caused by TE's and equivalent equipment are accepted by large to remain mandatory requirements. Measures to cover and verify other aspects (e.g. service and quality aspects) have been relinquished as far as possible but without prejudice in degrading substantially the actual quality standards and priority of the public telephone service, which is likely to be defined by the EC/EFTA authorities as a "justified case" and therefore will require full Europe-wide end-to-end compatibility.
### Relevant documents
Annex to the decree for telecommunications terminal equipment, which will replace SR 784.106 due to the new telecommunications law coming into force.

### Proposed date of adoption and entry into force
1 May 1992

### Final date for comments
13 February 1992

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