

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

TARIFFS AND TRADE

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NOTIFICATION

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

1. Party to Agreement notifying: SWITZERLAND

2. Agency responsible: Federal Department of Interior

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):

2903.14; 2903.1900; 2903.40; 3813.00; 3814.00; 3823.90; 39; 84.15;
84.18; 9404.2

5. Title: Draft Amendment of the Ordinance relating to Environmentally Hazardous Substances of 9 June 1986

6. Description of content: Annex 3.4 of the Ordinance now covers all CFCs, all HCFCs, all halons, methylchloroform, and carbon tetrachloride.

Compressed-gas containers, foams and solvents containing ozone-depleting substances, as well as articles made of plastic which contain cadmium shall no more be imported. The date of entry into force is deferred for the following products:

- compressed-gas containers containing only HCFCs or trichloroethane 31 December 1992
- foams for isolation of refrigerators 31 December 1993
- foams made of polyurethane or polystyrene and containing HCFCs 31 December 1995
- refrigerators, air-conditioning equipment and heat pumps containing refrigerants made of CFCs. (Equipment containing refrigerants other than CFCs are not regulated). 31 December 1993
- preparation and charges for fire-extinguishers made of or containing ozone-depleting substances 31 March 1991

The implementing authority may grant exceptions on a case by case basis.

7. Objective and rationale: Fulfilment of the requirements of the Montreal Protocol on Substances that deplete the Ozone Layer of 16 September 1987 as amended

8. Relevant documents: Draft Amendment of May 1990

9. Proposed dates of adoption and entry into force: Adoption: 1990
Enforcement: 1 January 1991

10. Final date for comments: 28 September 1990

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