

# GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

RESTRICTED

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## 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: <u>SWITZERLAND</u>
2. Agency responsible: Federal Office of Public Health
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): Foodstuffs (nutritional products and other edible preparations, excluding tobacco products), cosmetics
5. Title: Ordinance on Hygienic and Microbiological Requirements Relating to Foodstuffs, Customary Goods and Consumer Goods
6. Description of content: The ordinance establishes the conditions that foodstuffs and customary goods must meet in terms of hygiene and microbiology. The modification incorporates the new values resulting from the EC acquis as it relates to the European Economic Area.
7. Objective and rationale: Harmonization in accordance with the Agreement on the European Economic Area of 2 May 1992.
8. Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Article 7 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area of 2 May 1992.</li><li>- Directives 85/397, 88/778 and 91/492 (as modified).</li><li>- Federal Law on Foodstuffs and Customary Goods.</li><li>- Ordinance on foodstuffs.</li></ul>
9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: 1 January 1993
10. Final date for comments: 6 December 1992
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: