

GENERAL AGREEMENT ON

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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)
5. Title: Ordinance on Foodstuffs
6. Description of content: New items added to the Ordinance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- the Cassis-de-Dijon principle;- technical provisions:<ul style="list-style-type: none">(a) the contents and specifications of certain products (meat, cocoa and chocolate products, sugars, fruit juices, edible oils and fats, partially and totally dehydrated milk, coffee and chicory extracts, jams, mineral waters, casein and caseinates, egg products, foods for specific dietetic purposes);(b) the labelling of foodstuffs (including a declaration of nutritional value);(c) foodstuffs containing genetically modified organisms;(d) processing procedures (freezing);(e) solvents and extraction solvents.
7. Objective and rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- harmonization in accordance with the Agreement on the European Economic Area of 2 May 1992;- alteration of the Ordinance to accord with the new law on foodstuffs and customary goods.

8. Relevant documents:

- Article 7 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area of 2 May 1992;
- Law on Foodstuffs and Customary Goods.

9. Proposed dates 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: