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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 Office of Energy
- 3. Notified under Article 2.5.2 [X], 2.6.1 [], 7.3.2 [], 7.4.1 [], other:
- Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading):

Household electric washing machines

- 5. Title and number of pages of the notified document: Annex 5 of the Ordinance on the Saving and Rational use of Energy
- 6. Description of content: A Z target-value is established, aimed at reducing energy consumption by household electric washing machines. Z energy consumption is understood as kWh per kilogramme of dry clothing (nominal capacity).

Category

Z Target-value

Electric washing machines

Z = 0.23 kWh/kg.

(A target-value is not a standard. It indicates a recommended consumption per kilogramme of dry clothing to be reached by 1997, and places no restrictions on trade in Switzerland.)

- 7. Objective and rationale: Saving and rational use of energy. The target-values are an essential element of Switzerland's "Energy 2000" programme, which aims in particular to stabilize electricity consumption by the turn of the century, then reduce it.
- 8. Relevant documents: Energy consumption is established in accordance with Standard IEC 456.

Ordinance aimed at saving and rational use of energy.

- 9. Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Late 1993
- 10. Final date for comments: 15 June 1993
- 11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address of other body: