

**GENERAL AGREEMENT
ON TARIFFS AND TRADE**

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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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 Environment, Forests and Landscape
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. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Extinguishing agents
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Modification of the Ordinance relating to Environmentally Hazardous Substances
6.	Description of content: Extension of the existing ban of ozone depleting substances according to Annex 4.16 of the Ordinance to synthetic greenhouse gases with an atmospheric residence time of > five years (e.g. perfluorinated and highly fluorinated hydro-carbons). There will be no draft text to comment because the notification text consists in point 6 above.
7.	Objective and rationale: Prevent the application of persistent substances as extinguishing agents
8.	Relevant documents: See 5
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: Summer 1995
10.	Final date for comments: 19 December 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: