

**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 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. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Foodstuffs, commodities
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Ordinance on Hygiene and Microbiological Requirements of Foodstuffs, Commodities, Facilities, Installations and Personnel
6.	Description of content: Hygiene and microbiological requirements of foodstuffs, commodities (general requirements, limit and tolerance values for microbiological organisms).
7.	Objective and rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Health protection/consumer protection;</li><li>- Adaptation of the Swiss law to community law.</li></ul>
8.	Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Revised decree: Hygiene Ordinance of 1 July 1987;</li><li>- Legal bases: Food Law of 9 October 1992, Foodstuffs Ordinance;</li><li>- Adoption of international prescriptions: Guideline 93/43.</li></ul>
9.	Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: January 1995
10.	Final date for comments: 9 May 1994
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body: