

**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
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Ordinance on Foreign Substances and Components of Foodstuffs
6.	Description of content: The Ordinance comprises: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Lists detailing maximum permissible concentrations of foreign substances and components in and on foods;- Criteria to determine maximum concentrations.
7.	Objective and rationale: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Health protection/consumer protection;- Adaptation of the Swiss law to community law.
8.	Relevant documents: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Revised decree: Ordinance on Foreign Substances and Components of 27 February 1986;- Legal bases: Food Law of 9 October 1992, Food Ordinance;- Adoption of international prescriptions: Guidelines 76/895/EEC, 79/700/EEC, 86/362/EEC, 86/363/EEC, 90/642/EEC, 93/57/EEC, 93/58/EEC.
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: