

**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): <b>Commodities and consumer goods: The following are deemed such:</b>  (a) Goods which are used in conjunction with the manufacture, utilization or packaging of foodstuffs (e.g. appliances, crockery or packing materials);  (b) body care products and cosmetics as also items which by definition or purpose come into contact with the mucous surface of the mouth;  (c) garments, textiles and other goods (e.g. watch straps, wigs and jewellery) which come into contact with the body according to their defined purpose;  (d) goods which are destined for use by children (e.g. toys, educational items, paints and drawing materials);  (e) candles, matches, lighters and novelties;  (f) goods destined for the furnishing and decorating of living quarters.
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: <b>Ordinance on Commodities</b>
6.	Description of content: <b>The Ordinance defines the requirements which must be met by the goods listed under point 4.</b>

7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Health protection;</li><li>- Adaptation of the Swiss law to community law.</li></ul>
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Revised decree: Food Ordinance of 26 May 1936;</li><li>- Legal bases: Food Law of 9 October 1992;</li><li>- Adoption of international prescriptions: Guidelines 76/768/EEC (with amendments), 83/229/EEC, 83/264/EEC, 84/500/EEC, 88/378/EEC, 89/109/EEC, 89/677/EEC, 90/128/EEC, 93/11/EEC.</li></ul>
9.	<b>Proposed date of adoption and entry into force: January 1995</b>
10.	<b>Final date for comments: 9 May 1994</b>
11.	<b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address and telefax number of other body:</b>