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: SWITZERLAND
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, food additives
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Ordinance on Additives Permissible on Foodstuffs
6.	Description of content: The Ordinance includes:
	 (a) Positive lists detailing the permissible additives; (b) applications lists detailing the additives and aromas permissible for certain foods and determining the maximum quantities; (c) prescriptions on additive and aroma preparations;
	(d) prescriptions on purity requirements.
7.	Objective and rationale:
	 Health protection; Adaptation of the Swiss law to community law.
8.	Relevant documents:
	 Revised decree: Additives Ordinance of 20 January 1982; Legal bases: Food Law of 9 October 1992, Food Ordinance; Adoption of international prescriptions: Guidelines 62/2645/EEC, 64/54/EEC, 67/427/EEC, 70/357/EEC, 74/329/EEC, 88/388/EEC, 89/107/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: