

**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):  Food (food and luxury goods with the exception of tobacco)
5.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Food Ordinance
6.	Description of content: The revision implements several technical provisions of the EEC relevant "acquis communautaire", such as the provisions concerning:  (a) The composition and character of individual products (meat, cocoa and chocolate products, sugars, honey, fruit juices, food oils and fats, condensed milk and dried milk, coffee and chicory extracts, jams, mineral water, casein and caseinates, egg products foodstuffs for special nutrition; (b) labelling of foods (including declaration of nutritional value); (c) foodstuffs containing organisms modified by gene technology; (d) processing procedure (deep freezing).
7.	Objective and rationale:  - Health protection/consumer protection; - Adaptation of the Swiss law to community law.
8.	Relevant documents:  - Revised decree: Food Ordinance of 26 May 1936; - Legal bases: Food Law of 9 October 1992; - Adoption of international prescriptions: The prescriptions of the EEC relevant "acquis communautaire" listed under point 6.

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 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or address and telefax number of other body: