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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>SWITZERLAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Federal Office for Public Health, Berne
3.	Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable). Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: Foodstuffs/Foreign substances and toxic components
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Draft Modifications to Ordinance on Foreign Substances and Toxic Components in Foodstuffs (128 pages)
5.	Description of content: Amendments to the maximum residue limits (tolerances, limit values) for foreign substances and toxic components in food.
6.	Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [] animal health, [] plant protection, [] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [] protect territory from other damage from pests
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Ordinance on Foreign Substances and Toxic Components in Foodstuffs of 26 June 1995 (German/French/Italian : RS 817.021.23) http://www.admin.ch/ch/f/rs/c817_021_23.html- Food Law of 9 October 1992 (German/French/Italian: RS 817.0) http://www.admin.ch/ch/f/rs/c817_0.html- Food Ordinance of 1 March 1995 (German/French/Italian: RS 817.02) http://www.admin.ch/ch/f/rs/c817_02.html
9.	Proposed date of adoption: To be determined [March 2002].
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: 01 April 2002

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| 11. | Final date for comments: 15 February 2002
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| 12. | Texts available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: |