

Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

NOTIFICATION

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>SWITZERLAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Federal Office of Agriculture
3.	Products covered (tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Wheat, rye and triticale
4.	Title and number of pages of the notified document: Plant Protection Ordinance (2 pages)
5.	<p>Description of content: The Federal Council has amended the Plant Protection Ordinance in order to adopt measures against the introduction of Karnal bunt (<i>Tilletia indica</i>). Imports of wheat, rye and triticale from non-member countries of the European and Mediterranean Plant Protection Organization (EPPO) must be accompanied by a phytosanitary certificate containing the additional declaration:</p> <p>for seeds:</p> <p>"Place of origin free of <i>Tilletia indica</i>";</p> <p>for grains:</p> <p>"Place of origin free of <i>Tilletia indica</i>" or "merchandise inspected and found free of <i>Tilletia indica</i>".</p> <p>The purpose of this measure is to contain the risk of introduction of this disease in wheat, rye and triticale crops.</p>
6.	Objective and rationale: Plant protection
7.	An international standard, guideline or recommendation does not exist [X]. If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, whenever possible, identify deviations:
8.	Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: RS 916.20 (French, German, Italian)

9.	Proposed date of adoption: 28 May 1997
10.	Proposed date of entry into force: 1 July 1997
11.	Final date for comments: Not mentioned Agency or authority designated to handle comments:
12.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [] or address, telefax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body: Office fédéral de l'agriculture Dr. A. Klay Mattenhofstr. 5 3003 Bern Tel: 031 322 25 65 Fax: 031 322 26 34 E-mail: alfred.klay@blw.admin.ch