

Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6.

1.	Member to Agreement notifying: <u>SWITZERLAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):
2.	Agency responsible: Customs Directorate-General, Central Office for Precious Metals Control Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:
3.	Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4.	Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Articles made of or coated with precious metals
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Instructions about the Application of the Precious Metals Control Legislation
6.	Description of content: Detailed prescriptions about the composition and the marking requirements for precious metals articles, multimetal articles, coated articles and imitations, about the official hallmarking procedure and about the trade with used articles made of gold or silver.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: In several articles of the 1994/95 partially revised Law and Ordinance on Precious Metals Control the competence of the interpretation of specific details is delegated to the Central Office of Precious Metals Control.
8.	Relevant documents: Law on Precious Metals Control of 20 June 1933, revised on 17 June 1994. Precious Metals Ordinance of 8 May 1934, revised on 19 June 1995.
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } 1 April 1998
10.	Final date for comments: 20 February 1998
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of other body: