

**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: Konferenz der Kantonsregierungen 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):  Construction products/construction works
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Intercantonal Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade
6.	Description of content: A competent body on the intercantonal level shall assure that cantonal essential requirements relating to construction works are in conformity with Annex 1 of the EC-directive 89/106/EEC of 21 December 1988 on the approximation of laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to construction products. The essential requirements are: mechanical resistance and stability, safety in case of fire, hygiene, health and the environment, safety in use, protection against noise, energy economy and heat retention.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The objective of the intercantonal agreement is to complete, on the cantonal level, the federal law on construction products which aims at the implementation of the European directive on construction products, the elimination of technical barriers to trade and the compatibility of the Swiss technical regulations with the harmonized international standards. This federal law is also notified.
8.	Relevant documents: Article 7 of the Swiss Constitution
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } 1 July 1999
10.	Final date for comments: 27 May 1998
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of other body: