

# WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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## NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>SWITZERLAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Federal Veterinary Office (FVO), CH 3003 Bern
3.	<b>Products covered (provide tariff item number(s) as specified in national schedules deposited with the WTO; ICS numbers should be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Poultry and poultry products
4.	<b>Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> China (including Hong Kong and Macao) and Thailand
5.	<b>Title, language and number of pages of the notified document:</b> Order of the Head of the Federal Veterinary Office
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> Import ban on poultry and poultry products
7.	<b>Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input type="checkbox"/> protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, <input type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests
8.	<b>Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> Avian Influenza
9.	<b>International standard, guideline or recommendation:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission, <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health, <input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None <b>If an international standard, guideline or recommendation exists, give the appropriate reference and briefly identify deviations:</b>
10.	<b>Relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b>  Federal Ordinance of 20 avril 1988 with respect to the import, transit and export of animals and animal products (article 3); (German/French/Italian <a href="http://www.admin.ch/ch/f/rs/c916_443_11.html">http://www.admin.ch/ch/f/rs/c916_443_11.html</a> )  Press release dating of 23 January 2004 (German/French/Italian) ( <a href="http://www.bvet.admin.ch/medien-info/f/pressemitteilungen/1_index.html">http://www.bvet.admin.ch/medien-info/f/pressemitteilungen/1_index.html</a> )
11.	<b>Date of entry into force/period of application (as applicable):</b> 23 January 2004
12.	<b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National notification authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National enquiry point, or address, fax number and E-mail address (if available) of other body:
13.	<b>Texts available from:</b> <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: <a href="mailto:info@bvet.admin.ch">info@bvet.admin.ch</a>