

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION

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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: Federal Office for Agriculture 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): Poisons
5.	Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Modification of the Order on Poisons
6.	Description of content: The Order applies to all poisonous substances. The proposed amendment subject to this notification applies to crop protection products used in Swiss agriculture, commercial horticulture and home gardening. The Order establishes the rules and requirements for the registration and use of poisonous substances in Switzerland. The proposed amendment establishes rules for importation, registration, labelling and packaging of plant protection products, bearing in mind their safe storage, use and disposal. It grants protection of undisclosed test or other data against unfair commercial use.
7.	Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The proposed amendment of the Order modifies existing procedures in order to ensure their compatibility with the new Order on plant protection products and the Federal Law on Agriculture. The measures to be adopted are equivalent to those of significant trading partners. The Order stipulates the need and underlines the importance of international coordination. The rules and standards of the relevant international organizations are to be observed.
8.	Relevant documents: Federal Law on Agriculture
9.	Proposed date of adoption: } Proposed date of entry into force: } 1 August 1999
10.	Final date for comments: 15 May 1999
11.	Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body: