

## Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

### NOTIFICATION

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

1.	<b>Member to Agreement notifying:</b> <u>SWITZERLAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved (Articles 3.2 and 7.2):</b>
2.	<b>Agency responsible:</b> Intercantonal Office for the Control of Medicines <b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:</b> State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (seco)
3.	<b>Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [ ], 5.6.2 [ ], 5.7.1 [ ], other:</b>
4.	<b>Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):</b> Medicinal products
5.	<b>Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:</b> Batch release by the distributor; Implementation of Article 24 <i>ter</i> of the Regulations of 25 May 1972 for the Implementation of the Intercantonal Convention on the Control of Medicines; 5 pages; text available in French and English.
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> In notification G/TBT/Notif.97.673 dated 13 October 1997 Switzerland announced the introduction of complementary controls for batches of medicinal products imported in Switzerland. The aim of this new article 24 <i>ter</i> , which was adopted on 14 May 1998, was to ensure equal treatment of imported and domestically produced pharmaceuticals. With a view to implement this new provision it is proposed that for imported pharmaceuticals a sample has to be re-analysed in order to check whether the requirements according to the Swiss Marketing Authorization are fulfilled. Such a re-analysis will not be required for imports from countries with which Switzerland has concluded an arrangement on the mutual recognition of GMP systems and GMP controls. The Amendment to Regulations of 25 May 1972 for the Implementation of the Intercantonal Convention on the Control of Medicines enters into force on 1 January 2000 (and not as announced in the original notification on 1 January 1999).
7.	<b>Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:</b> Health protection
8.	<b>Relevant documents:</b> Article 24 <i>ter</i> of the Regulations of 25 May 1972 for the Implementation of the Intercantonal Convention on the Control of Medicines

<b>9.</b>	<b>Proposed date of adoption:</b> <b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> 1 January 2000
<b>10.</b>	<b>Final date for comments:</b> 24 November 1999
<b>11.</b>	<b>Texts available from: National enquiry point [ X ] or address, e-mail and telefax number of the other body:</b>