NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

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| **1.** | **Notifying Member:** SWITZERLAND  **If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):** |
| **2.** | **Agency responsible:**  Federal Food and Veterinary Office  **Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above:**  State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO  Holzikofenweg 36  3003 Berne  [tbt@seco.admin.ch](mailto:tbt@seco.admin.ch) |
| **3.** | **Notified under Article 2.9.2 [****X],** **2.10.1 [****],** **5.6.2 [****],** **5.7.1 [****], 3.2 [****], 7.2 [****],** **other****:** |
| **4.** | **Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable):** All composed food and all food bearing a health claim. |
| **5.** | **Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document:** Ordinance on information on foodstuffs; (14 page(s), in French) |
| **6.** | **Description of content:** According to the Swiss regulation, the origin of the main ingredient is only required if it is present in significant quantities and if otherwise the consumer could be misled about the true origin of this ingredient. The proposed regulation aims to reduce barriers to trade by permitting the indication of larger geographical areas (e.g. "EU") as indication of origin. However, this regulation applies to voluntary indications only.  Alignement of the relevant Swiss Ordinance Annex 14 covering health claims to Commission Regulation (EU) No 432/2012 of 16 May 2012 establishing a list of permitted health claims made on food products, other than those referring to the reduction of disease risk and to children's development and health, last modified with Commission Regulation (EU) 2021/686. |
| **7.** | **Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable:** Consumer information, labelling; Harmonization; Reducing trade barriers and facilitating trade |
| **8.** | **Relevant documents:**  [Ordinance of the on information on foodstuffs](https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/2017/158/fr)  [Commission Regulation (EU) No 432/2012 of 16 May 2012](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/ALL/?uri=celex%3A32012R0432) |
| **9.** | **Proposed date of adoption:** 8 December 2023  **Proposed date of entry into force:** 1 February 2024 |
| **10.** | **Final date for comments:** 60 days from notification |
| **11.** | **Texts available from: National enquiry point [****X]** **or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body:**  Swiss Information Center for Technical Rules(switec)  Sulzerallee 70  8404 Winterthur  Tel: +(41) 52 224 54 55  Email: [switec@snv.ch](mailto:switec@snv.ch)  <https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/TBT/CHE/23_12860_00_f.pdf> |