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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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### NOTIFICATION OF EMERGENCY MEASURES

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>SWITZERLAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b> Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office FSVO
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO
<b>3. 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> Arachidonic Acid oil originating from China and multiple commodities
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Ordinance on the Implementation of Foodstuffs Legislation. <b>Language(s):</b> German, French and Italian. <b>Number of pages:</b> 2 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/CHE/26_01304_00_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/CHE/26_01304_00_x.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/CHE/26_01304_00_f.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/CHE/26_01304_00_f.pdf</a> <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/CHE/26_01304_01_x.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2026/SPS/CHE/26_01304_01_x.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Ordinance on the Implementation of Foodstuffs Legislation lays down rules concerning the temporary increase of official controls upon entry into Switzerland on certain food and feed of non-animal origin from certain third countries (in Annex II); special import conditions for certain food and feed from certain third countries due to the contamination risk by mycotoxins, including aflatoxins, pesticide residues, and microbiological contamination (in Annex III - increased official border controls and official certificate accompanied by the results of sampling and analysis in the third country).  This Implementing Regulation amends both Annexes by updating it to the modifications implemented by the <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Commission implementing regulation (EU) 2026/194 of 28 January 2026 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 on the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into the Union of certain goods from certain third countries implementing Regulations (EU) 2017/625; and</li><li>• Commission implementing regulation EC No 178/2002 of the European Parliament and of the Council and 2026/459 of 24 February 2026 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1793 as regards the temporary increase of official controls and emergency measures governing the entry into the Union of arachidonic acid oil origination in China.</li></ul>
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input 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.

<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Nature of the urgent problem(s) and reason for urgent action:</b> The urgency is required as Switzerland aligns its regulation in this matter with the European Union.</p> <p>Cereulide toxin was detected in batches of infant formula containing arachidonic acid (ARA) oil supplied by a producer in China which leads to multi-country recalls of several infant formula products after the detection of cereulide toxin. The food contaminated by cereulide toxin is unsafe for human consumption and potentially leads to severe illness or even infant fatality. Therefore, it is necessary to take urgent action and to establish for increased level of official controls and special conditions governing the entry into the Union/Switzerland of arachidonic acid oil originating from China.</p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b></p> <p><b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b></p>
<b>10.</b>	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b></p>
<b>11.</b>	<p><b>Date of entry into force (dd/mm/yy)/period of application (as applicable):</b> 4 March 2026</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b></p>
<b>12.</b>	<p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO Holzikofenweg 36, 3003 Bern E-mail: <a href="mailto:sps@seco.admin.ch">sps@seco.admin.ch</a> <a href="http://www.seco.admin.ch/">http://www.seco.admin.ch/</a></p>
<b>13.</b>	<p><b>Text(s) available from: <input type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO Holzikofenweg 36, 3003 Bern E-mail: <a href="mailto:sps@seco.admin.ch">sps@seco.admin.ch</a> <a href="http://www.seco.admin.ch/">http://www.seco.admin.ch/</a></p>