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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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NOTIFICATION

1. Notifying Member: <u>SWITZERLAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved:
2. Agency responsible: Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office
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): All product containing traces of GMO being authorised according to EU Regulation (EC) No 1829/2003.
4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All trading partners <input type="checkbox"/> Specific regions or countries:
5. Title of the notified document: Ordinance on Foodstuffs and Utility Articles (Foodstuffs Ordinance) (FSO); and FDHA Ordinance on Genetically Modified Foodstuffs (GMFO). Language(s): German, French and Italian. Number of pages: 7 and 4 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/CHE/19_4513_00_f.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/CHE/19_4513_00_x.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/CHE/19_4513_01_f.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/CHE/19_4513_01_x.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/CHE/19_4513_02_x.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2019/SPS/CHE/19_4513_03_x.pdf
6. Description of content: GMO that have been tested and permitted in the EU for food, shall be tolerated in Switzerland as traces in an amount of up to 0.5% m/m. The Swiss system allows for food that is considered not to contain GMO, a contamination of up to 0.5% m/m of 5 GMOs (Mais NK603, Mais GA21, Mais 1507, Mais 59122 and Soja MON89788). Food containing traces of other GMO than the ones listed above is to be destroyed. The new ruling allows traces of GMO that are permitted in the EU under regulation (EC) No 1829/2003 as food. These GMO are tolerated as traces in an amount of up to 0.5% m/m in food in Switzerland. Notwithstanding the above, all measures possible have to be taken to avoid cross contamination of non-GMO food with GMO. Different authorisation procedures for food or ingredients using GMOs apply in the EU and Switzerland. As these products were produced from a GMO, then separated, concentrated and chemically defined, they are no longer considered as GMO. The authorisation procedure for these substances will be a novel food authorisation, in line with the EU approach.
7. Objective and rationale: <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.

<p>8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 19 March 2020</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 13 April 2020</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 May 2020</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 20 October 2019</p> <p>Agency or authority designated to handle comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO Special Foreign Economic Services Non-Tariff Measures Division Holzikofenweg 36, 3003 Bern Switzerland E-mail: sps@seco.admin.ch</p>
<p>13. Text(s) available from: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</p> <p>Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO Special Foreign Economic Services Non-Tariff Measures Division Holzikofenweg 36, 3003 Bern Switzerland E-mail: sps@seco.admin.ch</p>