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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 Office for Agriculture FOAG
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): Plants, plant products and all matter liable to harbour or spread particularly dangerous pests, including soil and growing medium. Numerous positions under chapters 6 (Live trees and other plants), 7 (Edible vegetables and certain roots and tubers), 8 (Edible fruit and nuts; peel of citrus fruits or melons) and 44 (Wood and articles of wood)
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: Amendment of the Ordinance on the Protection of Plants against Particularly Dangerous Harmful Organisms (Plant Health Ordinance, PGesV, SR 916.20). Language(s): French. Number of pages: 8 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/SPS/CHE/20_2129_00_f.pdf
6. Description of content: Maintaining harmonisation with the European plant health legislation in accordance with the bilateral agreement on trade in agricultural products (agricultural agreement) between Switzerland and the European Union is the main reason for this revision. The amendments are mostly formal and linguistic in nature and do not directly affect trade in plants and plant products.
7. Objective and rationale: <input 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 checked="" type="checkbox"/> protect territory from other damage from pests.
8. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard: <input type="checkbox"/> Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text): <input type="checkbox"/> World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number): <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM No: 1 and 7 <input type="checkbox"/> None

<p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</p>	
9.	<p>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available: https://www.admin.ch/opc/fr/classified-compilation/20181626/index.html https://www.blw.admin.ch/blw/fr/home/nachhaltige-produktion/Pflanzenegesundheit/rechtsgrundlagen.html (available in French)</p>
10.	<p>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 24 June 2020 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 24 July 2020</p>
11.	<p>Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 August 2020 <input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
12.	<p>Final date for comments: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 23 May 2020 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: State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO Holzikofenweg 36, 3003 Bern Switzerland Email: sps@seco.admin.ch</p>
13.	<p>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: State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO Holzikofenweg 36, 3003 Bern Switzerland Email: sps@seco.admin.ch</p>