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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): HS Code(s) 2017: 06, 07, 08 and 44; ICS Code(s): 55 and 65
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 of the EAER and the DETEC on the Plant Health Ordinance (PGesV-WBF-UVEK, SR 916.201). Language(s): French and German. Number of pages: 73 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/CHE/22_0588_00_f.pdf https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2022/SPS/CHE/22_0588_00_x1.pdf
6. Description of content: This notification concerns the amendment of an existing ordinance (PGesV-WBF-UVEK, SR 916.201) which specifies the provisions of the Ordinance on the Protection of Plants against Particularly Dangerous Harmful Organisms (Plant Health Ordinance, PGesV, SR 916.20, which was notified under G/SPS/N/CHE/83) to maintain the harmonization 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. The amendments are mostly formal and linguistic in nature. The main changes are the amendment of the list of regulated quarantine organisms (five species were added), the lifting of the fire blight protection zone in the Canton of Valais, the listing of the United Kingdom as a "third country" due to its withdrawal from the EU, the change of a few tariff numbers due to the revised nomenclature of the Harmonized System HS) and the amendment of the types and species of plants for which no exception can be made in the plant passport concerning the traceability code (alignment with EU legislation).
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> plant protection, <input checked="" 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):

<p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number): ISPM No. 1</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> None</p> <p>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</p> <p><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>
<p>9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</p> <p>PGesV-WBF-UVEK, SR 916.201: https://www.fedlex.admin.ch/eli/cc/2019/787/de; PGesV, SR 916.20: https://fedlex.data.admin.ch/eli/cc/2018/682; https://www.blw.admin.ch/blw/fr/home/nachhaltige-produktion/Pflanzengesundheit/rechtsgrundlagen.html</p>
<p>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 1 March 2022</p> <p>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 15 April 2022</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 15 April 2022</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Trade facilitating measure</p>
<p>12. Final date for comments: <input type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 21 February 2022 - At least three months after notification.</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>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>