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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 the Environment (FOEN)
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): Wood and wood products
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 FOEN Ordinance on phytosanitary measures for forests; SR 916.202.2. Language(s): French. Number of pages: 5 https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/CHE/23_1893_00_f.pdf
6. Description of content: This notification concerns the amendment of an existing ordinance (VpM-BAFU SR 916.202.2) 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). The purpose of the amendment is 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 main changes are as follows: – Adapted temporary measures against the introduction of <i>Anoplophora chinensis</i> ; – Adjustment of tariff numbers due to the revised nomenclature of the Harmonized System (HS).
7. Objective and rationale: <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input type="checkbox"/> animal health, <input checked="" 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. 5, 9, 14, 31 <input type="checkbox"/> None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?

<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>10. Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy): 28 April 2023 Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 12 May 2023</p>
<p>11. Proposed date of entry into force: <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 15 May 2023 <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 April 2023</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) Non-Tariff Measures Holzikofenweg 36 Tel: +(41 58) 46 40760 Fax: +(41 58) 46 40958 E-mail: sps@seco.admin.ch Website: http://www.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>State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO) Non-Tariff Measures Holzikofenweg 36 3003 Bern Tel: +(41 58) 46 40760 Fax: +(41 58) 46 40958 E-mail: sps@seco.admin.ch Website: http://www.seco.admin.ch</p>