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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

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**NOTIFICATION**

<b>1. Notifying Member:</b> <u>SWITZERLAND</u> <b>If applicable, name of local government involved:</b>
<b>2. Agency responsible:</b> Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (FSVO)
<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> Meat and edible meat offal (HS code(s): 02); Fish and crustaceans, molluscs and other aquatic invertebrates (HS code(s): 03); Dairy produce; Birds' eggs; Natural honey; Edible products of animal origin, not elsewhere specified or included (HS code(s): 04); Agriculture (ICS code(s): 65)
<b>4. Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>All trading partners</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Specific regions or countries:</b>
<b>5. Title of the notified document:</b> Ordinance regulating import, transit and export trade in animals and animal products with third countries (OITE-PT). <b>Language(s):</b> French. <b>Number of pages:</b> 2 <a href="https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/CHE/23_10987_00_f.pdf">https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2023/SPS/CHE/23_10987_00_f.pdf</a>
<b>6. Description of content:</b> The Swiss regulation will be adjusted to reflect the changes in the corresponding EU regulation. In accordance with Regulation (EU) 2023/905, new import conditions will be implemented for farm animals treated with certain antimicrobial medicinal products and for products derived from such animals.
<b>7. Objective and rationale:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> food safety, <input checked="" 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. Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number):</b> <input type="checkbox"/> <b>International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number):</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>None</b> <b>Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard?</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <b>If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:</b>

9.	<p><b>Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:</b> The draft regulation mirrors in Swiss law the Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) 2023/905 of 27 February 2023 supplementing Regulation (EU) 2019/6 of the European Parliament and of the Council as regards the application of the prohibition of use of certain antimicrobial medicinal products in animals or products of animal origin exported from third countries into the Union.</p>
10.	<p><b>Proposed date of adoption (dd/mm/yy):</b> 5 June 2024 <b>Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):</b> 25 June 2024</p>
11.	<p><b>Proposed date of entry into force:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): 1 July 2024</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>Trade facilitating measure</b> The Swiss rules and conditions continue to be harmonized with those of the European Union in accordance with the Veterinary Agreement between Switzerland and the European Union. The Veterinary Agreement governs the control of animal diseases, trade in animals and animal products and the import of these animals and products from third countries. It creates the basis for the common veterinary area.</p>
12.	<p><b>Final date for comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): 30 October 2023</p> <p><b>Agency or authority designated to handle comments:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> National Notification Authority, <input type="checkbox"/> National Enquiry Point. <b>Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:</b></p> <p>State Secretariate for Economic Affairs SECO Holzikofenweg 36, 3003 Bern Switzerland E-mail: <a href="mailto:sps@seco.admin.ch">sps@seco.admin.ch</a></p>
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