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Committee on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures

## NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: <u>SWITZERLAND</u>
	If applicable, name of local government involved:
2.	Agency responsible: Department of Food Safety, Ministry of Health
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): 1805 Cocoa powder, not containing added sugar or other sweetening matter; 180610 Cocoa powder, containing added sugar or other sweetening matter.
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable:
	[X] All trading partners
	[ ] Specific regions or countries:
5.	Title of the notified document: 2016 Swiss Cocoa Powders Act Language(s): English Number of pages: 5
	www.che.com/law007
6.	<b>Description of content:</b> The legislation seeks to introduce the adherence to the food additives limits in cocoa powders and dry mixtures of cocoa and sugar set forth in the relevant international standard.
7.	Objective and rationale: [X] food safety, [ ] animal health, [ ] plant protection, [ ] protect humans from animal/plant pest or disease, [ ] protect territory from other damage from pests.
8.	Is there a relevant international standard? If so, identify the standard:
	[X] Codex Alimentarius Commission (e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text) Standard for cocoa powders (cocoas) and dry mixtures of cocoa and sugars (CODEX STAN 105-1981, Revised 2001, Amended 2010, 2013)
	[ ] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) <i>(e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number)</i>
	[] International Plant Protection Convention (e.g. ISPM number)
	[] None
	Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? [X] Yes [] No
	If no, describe, whenever possible, how and why it deviates from the international standard:

- 9. Other relevant documents and language(s) in which these are available:
- 10. Proposed date of adoption (*dd/mm/yy*): 1 February 2016

Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy): 16 February 2016

- 11. Proposed date of entry into force: [X] Six months from date of publication, and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 16 August 2016
  - [] Trade facilitating measure
- 12. Final date for comments: [X] Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (*dd/mm/yy*): 1 January 2016

Agency or authority designated to handle comments: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Food Safety, Ministry of Health

13. Texts available from: [X] National Notification Authority, [X] National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: Food Safety, Ministry of Health