



EXERCISE: How to Notify an SPS measure

(Please note that this is not a real example and that the names of Ministries, Departments or other Governmental offices do not reflect reality)

1. The Government of Switzerland intends to modify its food legislation regarding Cocoa Powders (HS Code 1805; 180610). The legislation seeks to harmonize the maximum levels of food additives limits in cocoa powders and dry mixtures of cocoa and sugar with the relevant international standard.



Remember to search for the relevant international standard in the website of the appropriate "sister" organization.

2. The Department of Food Safety at the Ministry of Health is responsible for drafting the new food legislation regarding cocoa powders, officially named "2016 Swiss Cocoa Powders Act" (for the purpose of this exercise, please include your name before: "[Your name]-2016 Swiss Cocoa Powder Act").

3. You work for the Swiss national notification authority (NNA) which is located within the WTO division of the Ministry of Commerce. You have been instructed to notify to the WTO the draft legislation regarding cocoa powders.



for the purposes of this exercise, it is assumed that the notification will be distributed to Members on 1 November 2015

4. Comments on the draft legislation by WTO Members will be accepted during the period recommended by the SPS Committee's recommended procedures for implementing the transparency obligations of the SPS Agreement (G/SPS/7/Rev.3, para. 13).



You can use the SPS IMS to see G/SPS/7/Rev.3

5. On the basis of comments received, the Ministry of Health will incorporate any revisions to the text as necessary. The revised text will be submitted to the Parliament, and it is expected to be adopted on 1 February 2016. The legislation will be published in the Federal Gazette fifteen days after adoption and will then enter into force after the "reasonable interval" recommended in G/SPS/7/Rev.3, para. 60.

6. The scope of the 5-page cocoa powders food law will cover all trading partners.

7. A copy of the legislation is available in English at www.chf.com/law007

Your mission is to fill out the notification form and submit it to the WTO.



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NOTIFICATION

1.	Notifying Member: _____ If applicable, name of local government involved:		
2.	Agency responsible:		
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):		
4.	Regions or countries likely to be affected, to the extent relevant or practicable: [] All trading partners [] Specific regions or countries:		
5.	Title of the notified document:	Language(s):	Number of pages:
6.	Description of content:		
7.	Objective and rationale: [] 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: [] Codex Alimentarius Commission (<i>e.g. title or serial number of Codex standard or related text</i>) [] World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) (<i>e.g. Terrestrial or Aquatic Animal Health Code, chapter number</i>) [] International Plant Protection Convention (<i>e.g. ISPM number</i>) [] None Does this proposed regulation conform to the relevant international standard? [] 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): Proposed date of publication (dd/mm/yy):		

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11.	Proposed date of entry into force: ☐ Six months from date of publication, and/or (dd/mm/yy): ☐ Trade facilitating measure
12.	Final date for comments: ☐ Sixty days from the date of circulation of the notification and/or (dd/mm/yy): Agency or authority designated to handle comments: ☐ National Notification Authority, ☐ National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body:
13.	Texts available from: ☐ National Notification Authority, ☐ National Enquiry Point. Address, fax number and e-mail address (if available) of other body: