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Committee on Technical Barriers to Trade

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NOTIFICATION

The following notification is being circulated in accordance with Article 10.6

1. Notifying Member: <u>SWITZERLAND</u> If applicable, name of local government involved (Article 3.2 and 7.2):
2. Agency responsible: Federal Office of Communications Name and address (including telephone and fax numbers, email and website addresses, if available) of agency or authority designated to handle comments regarding the notification shall be indicated if different from above: State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO Holzikofenweg 36, 3003 Bern tbt@seco.admin.ch , www.seco.admin.ch
3. Notified under Article 2.9.2 [X], 2.10.1 [], 5.6.2 [], 5.7.1 [], other:
4. Products covered (HS or CCCN where applicable, otherwise national tariff heading. ICS numbers may be provided in addition, where applicable): Telecommunication equipment, radio equipment and telecommunication terminal equipment
5. Title, number of pages and language(s) of the notified document: Draft revision of the Ordinance on Telecommunications Installations (FAV) (6 page(s), in French)
6. Description of content: The Ordinance on Telecommunications Installations specifies the basic technical requirements with regard to telecommunications installations set out by the Swiss Federal Council. It regulates the conditions for placing telecommunications installations on the Swiss market, especially radio equipment. The Ordinance has been mainly reviewed due to the partial revision of the Swiss Telecommunication Law. The main changes are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of new definitions (fulfilment service provider and information society service provider) to take account of the placing of products on the market through e-commerce and to define their obligations.• Clarification of the exception for military radio equipment.• Clarification of the exception for radio equipment on board of aircrafts especially to take into account the new Regulation (EU) 2018/1139 and unmanned aircrafts. The circle of authorised users of equipment intended for the country's security has been expanded to new authorities and the army. Conditions for the presentation and demonstration of such equipment have been clarified.

7. Objective and rationale, including the nature of urgent problems where applicable: The Ordinance on Telecommunications Installations has to be updated to follow the revision of the Swiss Telecommunications Law and the latest legislative developments in the field of unmanned aircrafts in Europe.; Other
8. Relevant documents: Ordinance on Telecommunications Installations of 25 November 2015 (OIT; RS 784.101.2), available in French , German and Italian .
9. Proposed date of adoption: 1 January 2021 Proposed date of entry into force: 1 January 2021
10. Final date for comments: 20 December 2020
11. Texts available from: National enquiry point [X] or address, telephone and fax numbers and email and website addresses, if available, of other body: https://members.wto.org/crnattachments/2020/TBT/CHE/20_5847_00_f.pdf