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**Council for Trade-Related Aspects  
of Intellectual Property Rights**

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**NOTIFICATION OF LAWS AND REGULATIONS UNDER  
ARTICLE 63.2 OF THE TRIPS AGREEMENT**

SWITZERLAND: ORDINANCE ON THE PROTECTION OF APPELLATIONS OF ORIGIN  
AND GEOGRAPHICAL INDICATIONS FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS,  
PROCESSED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, FORESTRY PRODUCTS  
AND PROCESSED FORESTRY PRODUCTS

<b>Notifying Member</b>	<b>SWITZERLAND</b>
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**Details of the notified legal text**

<b>Title</b>	<i>Ordonnance concernant la protection des appellations d'origine et des indications géographiques des produits agricoles, des produits agricoles transformés des produits sylvicoles et des produits sylvicoles transformés</i> (Ordinance on the Protection of Appellations of Origin and Geographical Indications for Agricultural Products, Processed Agricultural Products, Forestry Products and Processed Forestry Products)
<b>Subject matter</b>	Geographical indications
<b>Nature of notification</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Main dedicated intellectual property law or regulation <input type="checkbox"/> Other law or regulation
<b>Link to legal text*</b>	<a href="https://ip-documents.info/2022/IP/CHE/22_0971_00_f.pdf">https://ip-documents.info/2022/IP/CHE/22_0971_00_f.pdf</a>
<b>Notification status</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> First notification <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment or revision to notified legal text <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Replacement or consolidation of notified legal text(s)
<b>Previous notification(s) referred to</b>	<a href="#">IP/N/1/CHE/G/30</a> , <a href="#">IP/N/1/CHE/15</a>

**Brief description of the notified legal text**

This Ordinance specifies the types of appellation which may be registered, the protection afforded to them, registration procedures and control requirements: definitions of registered appellation of origin and protected geographical indication; generic names; registration procedure (persons entitled to file applications for registration, content of the application, specifications, decision, opposition, registration and publication, etc.); control, etc.

Most recent amendments in relation to geographical indications:  
Articles 8; 8a.5; 9.1; 15.2:

- Removal of the Federal Commission for PAOs and PGIs

Article 22:

- Removal of the Federal Commission for PAOs and PGIs = repealed on 14 December 2018

<b>Language(s) of notified text</b>	French
<b>Date of adoption</b>	1 February 2019
<b>Entry into force</b>	Adoption: 14 December 2018

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<b>Submission date of notification</b>	20 January 2022
<b>Other information</b>	
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