Consolidated version of the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on mutual recognition in relation to conformity assessment

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- Decision No 1/2012 of the Committee established under the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on mutual recognition in relation to conformity assessment of 17 December 2012 on the inclusion in Annex 1 of a new Chapter 20 on explosives for civil use, the amendment of Chapter 3 on toys and the update of legal references listed in Annex 1 (2013/228/EU) (OJ L 136, 23.5.2013, p. 17–28)


- Decision No 1/2015 of the Committee established under the Agreement between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on mutual recognition in relation to conformity assessment on the amendment of Chapter 16 on construction products, Chapter 18 on biocidal products and the update of legal references listed in Annex 1 (2015/1058/EU) (OJ L 171, 2.7.2015, p. 25-46)


AGREEMENT
between the European Community and the Swiss Confederation on mutual recognition in relation to conformity assessment

THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY, hereinafter referred to as ‘the Community’, and

THE SWISS CONFEDERATION, hereinafter referred to as ‘Switzerland’, together hereinafter referred to as ‘the Parties’,

Considering the close ties that exist between the Community and Switzerland;

Considering the Free Trade Agreement of 22 July 1972 between Switzerland and the European Economic Community;

Desiring to conclude an Agreement providing for the mutual recognition of the results of conformity assessment procedures required for access to the respective markets of the Parties;

Considering that mutual recognition in relation to conformity assessment will facilitate trade between the Parties and ensure protection for health, safety, the environment and consumers;

Considering the alignment of legislation will facilitate mutual recognition;

Considering their obligations as Contracting Parties to the Agreement establishing the World Trade Organisation and, in particular, to the Agreement on Technical Barriers to Trade, which encourages the negotiation of mutual recognition agreements;

Considering that mutual recognition agreements contribute to harmonisation at international level of the technical regulations, standards and principles governing implementation of conformity assessment procedures;

Considering that the close ties between the Community and Switzerland, of the one part, and Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, of the other, makes the conclusion of parallel agreements between those countries and Switzerland appropriate,

Have agreed to conclude the following Agreement:

Article 1
Purpose

1. The Community and Switzerland hereby grant mutual acceptance of reports, certificates, authorisations and conformity marks issued by the bodies recognised in accordance with the procedures of this Agreement (hereinafter recognised conformity assessment bodies) and of the manufacturer's declarations of conformity certifying conformity to the requirements of the other Party in the areas covered by Article 3.

2. In order to avoid duplication of procedures when Swiss and Community requirements are deemed equivalent, the Community and Switzerland shall mutually accept reports, certificates and authorisations issued by the recognised conformity assessment bodies and manufacturer's declarations of conformity certifying conformity to their respective requirements in the areas covered by Article 3. Reports, certificates, authorisations and manufacturer's declarations of conformity shall in particular indicate conformity with the Community legislation. Conformity marks required by the legislation of one of the Parties must be affixed to products placed on the market of that Party.

3. The Committee provided for in Article 10 shall specify the cases in which paragraph 2 shall apply.

Article 2
Definitions

1. For the purposes of this Agreement:
"Conformity assessment" shall mean systematic examination to determine the extent to which a product, process or service fulfils specified requirements;

"Conformity assessment body" shall mean a public or private law body whose activities include performance of all or any stage of the conformity assessment process;

"Designating authority" shall mean an authority with the legal power to designate, suspend, withdraw designation or remove suspension of conformity assessment bodies under its jurisdiction.

2. The definitions laid down by ISO and IEC may be used to establish the meaning of the general terms relating to conformity assessment contained in this Agreement.

Article 3
Scope

1. This Agreement covers the obligatory conformity assessment procedures ensuing from the legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions listed in Annex 1.

2. Annex 1 defines the product sectors covered by this Agreement. The Annex is divided up into sectoral chapters and these are subdivided in principle as follows:

   - section I: legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions;
   - section II: conformity assessment bodies;
   - section III: designating authorities;
   - section IV: special rules relating to the designation of conformity assessment bodies;
   - section V: any additional provisions.

3. Annex 2 sets out general rules applicable to the designation of conformity assessment bodies.

Article 4
Origin

The provisions of this Agreement shall apply to products covered by this Agreement irrespective of their origin.

Article 5
Recognised conformity assessment bodies

The Parties hereby agree that conformity assessment bodies recognised in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 11 fulfil the conditions of eligibility to assess conformity.

Article 6
Designating authorities

1. The Parties hereby undertake to ensure that their designating authorities have the necessary power and competence to designate conformity assessment bodies or withdraw designation, suspend or remove suspension of designated conformity assessment bodies under their respective jurisdiction.

2. For the designation of conformity assessment bodies, the designating authorities shall observe the general principles for designation set out in Annex 2, subject to the provisions of the respective section IV in Annex 1. These designating authorities shall observe the same principles when withdrawing designation, suspending or removing suspension.

Article 7
Verification of designation procedures
1. The Parties shall exchange information concerning the procedures used to ensure that the recognised conformity assessment bodies under their jurisdiction comply with the general principles of designation outlined in Annex 2 subject to the provisions of the respective section IV in Annex 1.

2. The Parties shall compare methods used to verify conformity of the bodies with the general principles of designation outlined in Annex 2, subject to the provisions of the respective section IV in Annex 1. Existing systems for the accreditation of conformity assessment bodies in the Parties may be used for the purpose of such comparisons.

3. Verification shall be carried out in accordance with the procedure implemented by the Committee under Article 10 below.

Article 8
Verification of compliance of conformity assessment bodies

1. Each Party shall, in exceptional circumstances, have the right to contest the technical competence of the conformity assessment bodies proposed by the other Party or of recognised conformity assessment bodies under the jurisdiction of the other Party.

For this purpose, it shall submit in writing an objective and reasoned argument to the other Party.

2. In the event of a disagreement between the Parties, confirmed in the Committee, a verification of the technical competence of the conformity assessment body in question shall be undertaken in accordance with requirements jointly by the Parties, with the participation of the competent authorities concerned.

The result of that verification shall be discussed in the Committee with a view to resolving the issue as soon as possible.

3. Each Party shall ensure that the conformity assessment bodies under its jurisdiction are available for verification of their technical competence as required.

4. Unless otherwise decided by the Committee, the disputed body shall be suspended by the competent designating authority from the time disagreement has been established until agreement has been reached in the Committee. Such suspension shall be indicated in the common list of recognised conformity assessment bodies referred to in Annex 1.

Article 9
Implementation of the Agreement

1. The Parties shall cooperate with a view to ensuring the satisfactory application of the legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions listed in Annex 1.

2. The designating authorities shall ascertain by appropriate means whether the recognised conformity assessment bodies under their jurisdiction are observing the general principles of designation listed in Annex 2, subject to the provisions listed in the respective section IV in Annex 1.

3. The recognised conformity assessment bodies shall cooperate in an appropriate way in the framework of the coordination and comparison work conducted by each of the Parties in respect of the sectors covered by Annex 1 in order to ensure that the conformity assessment procedures provided for in the laws and regulations of the Parties covered by this Agreement are applied in a consistent manner. The designating authorities shall use their best endeavours to ensure that recognised conformity assessment bodies cooperate in an appropriate way.

Article 10
Committee

1. A Committee on mutual recognition in relation to conformity assessment (hereinafter referred to as the "Committee"), is hereby established. It shall be composed of representatives of the Parties, and shall be responsible for the management and monitoring of the smooth functioning of this Agreement. To that end, it shall issue
recommendations and take decisions in the circumstances provided for in this Agreement. It shall act by mutual agreement.

2. The Committee shall establish its own rules of procedure, which shall contain, inter alia, provisions on the convening of meetings, the appointment of the chairman and the chairman's term of office.

3. The Committee shall meet as and when necessary and at least once a year. Either Party may request the convening of a meeting.

4. The Committee may consider any matter related to this Agreement. In particular, it shall be responsible for:
   (a) drawing up the procedure for carrying out the verifications provided for in Article 7;
   (b) drawing up the procedure for carrying out the verifications provided for in Article 8;
   (c) deciding on the recognition of conformity assessment bodies contested under Article 8;
   (d) deciding on the withdrawal of recognition of recognised conformity assessment bodies contested under Article 8;
   (e) examining any legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions notified by one Party to another pursuant to Article 12 in order to assess their repercussions on the Agreement and to amend the appropriate sections in Annex 1.

5. The Committee may, on a proposal from one of the Parties, modify the Annexes to this Agreement.

### Article 11

**Recognition, withdrawal of recognition, modification of the scope, and suspension of conformity assessment bodies**

1. The following procedure shall apply for the recognition of conformity assessment bodies in relation to the requirements set out in the relevant Chapters of Annex 1:
   (a) a Party wishing to have recognised any conformity assessment body shall notify the other Party in writing of its proposal, to that effect, adding the appropriate information to its request;
   (b) if the other Party agrees to the proposal or raises no objection within 60 days of the notification of the proposal, the conformity assessment body shall be considered to be a recognised conformity assessment body under the terms of Article 5;
   (c) if the other Party raises objections in writing within that 60-day period, Article 8 shall apply.

2. A Party can withdraw or suspend the recognition or remove the suspension of recognition of a conformity assessment body under its jurisdiction. The Party concerned shall immediately notify the other Party of its decision in writing, together with the date of such decision. The withdrawal, suspension, or removal of suspension shall take effect at that date. Such withdrawal or suspension shall be indicated in the common list of recognised conformity assessment bodies referred to in Annex 1.

3. A Party can propose that the scope of activity of a recognised conformity assessment body under its jurisdiction be amended. For scope extensions and scope reductions the procedures provided for in Article 11(1) and (2) respectively shall apply.

4. A Party can, in exceptional circumstances, contest the technical competence of a recognised conformity assessment body under the jurisdiction of the other Party. In this case Article 8 shall apply.

5. Reports, certificates, authorisation and conformity marks issued by a conformity assessment body after the date at which its recognition has been withdrawn or suspended need not be recognised by the Parties. Reports, certificates, authorisations and conformity marks issued by a conformity assessment body before the date its recognition has been
withdrawn shall continue to be recognised by the Parties unless the responsible designating authority has limited or cancelled their validity. The Party under whose jurisdiction the responsible designating authority is operating shall notify the other Party in writing of any such changes relating to a limitation or cancellation of validity.

Article 12
Information exchange

1. The Parties shall exchange all relevant information regarding implementation and application of the legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions listed in Annex 1.

2. Each Party shall inform the other Party of the changes it intends to make to the legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions relating to the subject matter of this Agreement and shall notify in writing the other Party of the new provisions at least 60 days before their entry into force.

(a) Each Party shall notify changes to its designating authorities and competent authorities to the other Party in writing.

3. Where the legislation of one of the Parties stipulates that a specific item of information must be made available to the competent authority by a person established in its territory, that authority may also approach the competent authority of the other Party or enter into direct contact with the manufacturer or, if appropriate, the latter's agent in the territory of the other Party, in order to obtain that information.

4. Each Party shall immediately notify the other Party of safeguard measures taken in its territory.

Article 13
Confidentiality

Representatives, experts and other agents of the Parties shall be required, even after their duties have ceased, not to disclose information acquired under this Agreement which is of the kind covered by the obligation of professional secrecy. This information may not be used for purposes other than those envisaged by this Agreement.

Article 14
Dispute settlement

Each Party may refer any dispute relating to the interpretation or application of this Agreement to the Committee. The Committee shall endeavour to settle the dispute, and must be supplied with any information which may facilitate a thorough examination of the situation with a view to finding an acceptable solution. For that purpose, the Committee shall consider every possible means of maintaining the smooth functioning of this Agreement.

Article 15
Agreements with third countries

The Parties hereby agree that mutual recognition agreements concluded by either Party with a country that is not party to this Agreement shall in no circumstances entail an obligation upon the other Party in terms of the acceptance of manufacturer's declarations of conformity as well as of reports, certificates, authorisations and marks issued by conformity assessment bodies in that third country, unless there is an explicit agreement between the Parties.

Article 16
Annexes

The Annexes to this Agreement shall form an integral part thereof.

Article 17
Territorial application
This Agreement shall apply, as regards the Community, to the territories in which the Treaty establishing the European Community is applied under the conditions laid down in that Treaty, on the one hand, and to the territory of Switzerland, on the other.

Article 18
Revision

1. If a Party wishes to have this Agreement revised, it shall inform the Committee. Modifications to this Agreement shall enter into force after the respective internal procedures have been completed.

2. The Committee may modify Annexes 1 and 2 to this Agreement on a proposal from one of the Parties.

Article 19
Suspension

Where a Party establishes that the other Party is failing to comply with the conditions of this Agreement, it may, after consulting the Committee, suspend application of Annex 1 in full or in part.

Article 20
Acquired rights

The Parties shall continue to recognise reports, certificates, authorisations and conformity marks and manufacturers' declarations of conformity issued in accordance with, and prior to the expiry of, this Agreement, provided that the request for conformity evaluation to be started was made before the notice of non-renewal or denunciation was given.

Article 21
Entry into force and duration

1. This Agreement shall be ratified or approved by the Parties in accordance with their own procedures. It shall enter into force on the first day of the second month following the last notification of deposit of the instruments for ratification or approval of all the following seven agreements:

Agreement on the mutual recognition in relation to conformity assessment
Agreement on the free movement of persons
Agreement on air transport
Agreement on the carriage of goods and passengers by rail and road
Agreement on trade in agricultural products
Agreement on certain aspects of public procurement
Agreement on scientific and technical cooperation.

2. This Agreement shall be concluded for an initial period of seven years. It shall be tacitly extended, unless the Community or Switzerland notifies the other Party to the contrary before the expiry of that period. Where such notification is given, the provisions of paragraph 4 shall apply.

3. The Community or Switzerland may denounce this Agreement by notifying the other Party. Where such notification is given, the provisions of paragraph 4 shall apply.

4. The seven agreements referred to in paragraph 1 shall cease to apply six months after receipt of the non-renewal notice described in paragraph 2 or the denunciation notice described in paragraph 3.

Done at Luxembourg on the twenty-first day of June in the year one thousand and ninety-nine.

This Agreement is drawn up in duplicate in the Danish, Dutch, English, Finnish, French, German, Greek, Italian, Portuguese, Spanish and Swedish languages, each text being equally authentic.
ANNEX 1
PRODUCT SECTORS

This Annex is divided up into the following Chapters by sector:

Chapter 1 Machinery
Chapter 2 Personal protective equipment
Chapter 3 Toys
Chapter 4 Medical devices
Chapter 5 Gas appliances and boilers
Chapter 6 Pressure vessels
Chapter 7 Telecommunications terminal equipment
Chapter 8 Equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres
Chapter 9 Electrical equipment and electromagnetic compatibility
Chapter 10 Construction plant and equipment
Chapter 11 Measuring instruments and prepackages
Chapter 12 Motor vehicles
Chapter 13 Agricultural and forestry tractors
Chapter 14 Good laboratory practice (GLP)
Chapter 15 Medicinal products GMP Inspection and Batch Certification
Chapter 16 Construction Products
Chapter 17 Lifts
Chapter 18 Biocidal products
Chapter 19 Cableway installations
Chapter 20 Explosives for civil use
CHAPTER 1
MACHINERY

Section I
Legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions

Provisions covered by Article 1 (2)

European Union

Switzerland
100. Federal Law of 12 June 2009 on product safety (RO 2010 2573)
101. Ordinance of 19 May 2010 on product safety (RO 2010 2583)
102. Ordinance of 2 April 2008 on the safety of machinery (RO 2008 1785), as last amended on 20 April 2011 (RO 2011 1755)

Section II
Conformity assessment bodies

The Committee established under Article 10 of this Agreement shall draw up and keep up to date, according to the procedure described in Article 11 of the Agreement, a list of the conformity assessment bodies.

Section III
Designating authorities

The Committee established under Article 10 of this Agreement shall draw up and keep up to date a list of the designating authorities notified by the Parties.

Section IV
Special rules relating to the designation of conformity assessment bodies

For the designation of conformity assessment bodies, the designating authorities shall comply with the general principles contained in Annex 2 to this Agreement and the assessment criteria set out in Annex XI to Directive 2006/42/EC.

Section V
Supplementary provisions

1. Second-hand machinery

The legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions listed in section I shall not apply to second-hand machinery.

The principle contained in Article 1(2) of this Agreement shall apply, however, to machinery legally placed on the market and/or put into service in one of the Parties and exported as second-hand machinery to the market of the other Party.

The other provisions relating to second-hand machinery, e.g. those relating to safety in the place of work in force in the importing state, shall remain applicable.

2. Information exchange
In accordance with Article 9 of this Agreement, the Parties shall exchange information needed to ensure a proper implementation of this chapter.

The Parties hereby undertake to forward all relevant technical documents at the request of the authorities of the other Party.

3. Person named in the declaration of conformity of machines, authorised to compile the technical file

The declaration of conformity of the machinery must contain the name and address of the person authorised to compile the technical file, who must be established in the respective Parties’ territory.

The Parties shall mutually recognise this person. The manufacturer, his authorised representatives or, where neither of these is present, the person responsible for placing products on the market of one Party, shall not be obliged to designate a person, who is responsible for compiling the technical file, in the territory of the other Party.

CHAPTER 2
PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Section I
Legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions

Provisions covered by Article 1 (2)


Switzerland 100. Federal Law of 12 June 2009 on product safety (RO 2010 2573)

101. Ordinance of 19 May 2010 on product safety (RO 2010 2583)

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Section IV
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For the designation of conformity assessment bodies, the designating authorities shall comply with the general principles contained in Annex 2 to this Agreement and the assessment criteria set out in Annex V to Directive 89/686/EEC.

CHAPTER 3
TOYS

Section I
Legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions

Provisions covered by Article 1(2)

European Union

Switzerland
101. Ordinance of 23 November 2005 on foodstuffs and commodities (RO 2005 5451) as last amended on 23 October 2013 (RO 2013 3669)
103. Ordinance of the FDHA of 23 of November 2005 on the enforcement of foodstuff legislation (RO 2005 6555) as last amended on 15 August 2012 (RO 2012 4855)
104. Ordinance of 17 June 1996 on the Swiss accreditation system and on the designation of test laboratories and conformity assessment bodies (RO 1996 1904), as last amended on 1 June 2012 (RO 2012 2887)

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Section IV
Special rules relating to the designation of conformity assessment bodies

For the designation of conformity assessment bodies, the designating authorities shall comply with the general principles contained in Annex 2 to this Agreement and with Article 24 of Directive 2009/48/EC.

Section V
Supplementary provisions

1. Exchange of information concerning the certificate of conformity and the technical documentation

The market surveillance authorities of the Member States or Switzerland may, on reasoned request, ask for the technical documentation, or a translation of parts thereof from a manufacturer based in the territory of either Switzerland or a Member State. The market surveillance authorities of the Member states and Switzerland may request from a Swiss or a European Union-based manufacturer the relevant part of the technical documentation into an official language of the requesting authority or in English.

When a market surveillance authority requests the technical documentation or a translation of parts thereof from a manufacturer, it may set a deadline for receipt of 30 days, unless a shorter deadline is justified in the case of serious and immediate risk.
If the manufacturer based on the territory of either Switzerland or a Member State does not comply with this provision, the market surveillance authority may require it to have a test performed by a designated body at its own expense within a specified period in order to verify compliance with the harmonised standards and essential requirements.

2. Information requests to designated bodies

The market surveillance authorities of the Member States and of Switzerland may request a designated body in Switzerland or in a Member State to provide information relating to any type examination certificate which that body has issued or withdrawn, or which relates to any refusal to issue such a certificate, including the test reports and technical documentation.

3. Information obligations of designated bodies

In accordance with Article 36(2) of Directive 2009/48/EC, designated bodies shall provide the other bodies designated under this Agreement which carry out similar conformity assessment activities covering the same toys with relevant information on issues relating to negative and, on request, positive conformity assessment results.

4. Exchange of experience

Swiss national authorities may take part in the exchange of experience between the Member States’ national authorities responsible for the notification procedure referred to in Article 37 of Directive 2009/48/EC.

5. Coordination of designated bodies

Designated Swiss conformity assessment bodies may take part in the coordination and cooperation mechanisms and sectoral groups or groups of notified bodies provided for in Article 38 of Directive 2009/48/EC, directly or by means of designated representatives.

6. Market access

Importers based in the European union or Switzerland shall indicate their name, registered trade name or registered trade mark and the address at which they can be contacted on the toy or, when that is not possible, on its packaging or in a document accompanying the toy.

The Parties mutually recognise this indication of the coordinates of the manufacturer and importer, registered trade name or registered trade mark and the address at which they can be contacted, which must be mentioned as above. For the purpose of this specific obligation, “importer” shall mean any natural or legal person established within the territory of either the European Union or Switzerland who places a toy from a third country on the European Union or on the Swiss market.

7. Harmonised standards

Switzerland recognises harmonised standards conferring a presumption of conformity with the legislation referred to in Section 1 of this Chapter. Where Switzerland considers that compliance with a harmonised standard does not entirely satisfy the requirements which are set out in the legislation listed in Section I, it shall bring the matter before the Committee and give its reasons.

The Committee shall consider the case and may ask the European Union to act in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 14 of Directive 2009/48/EC. The Committee shall be informed of the result of the procedure.

8. Procedure for dealing with toys presenting a non-compliance that is not restricted to their national territory

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Pursuant to Article 12(4) of this Agreement, in cases where the market surveillance authorities of a Member State or Switzerland have taken action or have sufficient reasons to believe that a toy covered by Section I of the present Chapter presents a risk to the health or safety of persons, and if they consider that the non-compliance is not restricted to their national territory, they shall inform each other and the European Commission immediately of:

— the results of the evaluation they have carried out and of the actions which they have required the relevant economic operator to take;

— provisional measures taken to prohibit or restrict the toy being made available on their national market, to withdraw the toy from that market or to recall it when the relevant economic operator does not take adequate corrective action. This includes the details set out in Article 42(5) of Directive 2009/48/EC.

The market surveillance authorities of the Member States or Switzerland other than the one initiating this procedure shall inform without delay the European Commission and the other national authorities of any measures adopted and of any additional information at their disposal relating to the non-compliance of the toy concerned.

The Parties shall ensure that appropriate restrictive measures in respect of the toy concerned, such as withdrawal of the toy from their market, are taken without delay.

9. Safeguard procedure in case of objections against national measures

Should it disagree with the notified national measure, Switzerland or a Member State shall inform the European Commission of its objections.

Where, on completion of the procedure set out in paragraph 8 above, objections are raised by a Member State or Switzerland against a measure taken by Switzerland or a Member State respectively, or where the European Commission considers a national measure to be non-compliant with the legislation referred to in this Chapter, the European Commission shall without delay enter into consultation with the Member States, Switzerland and the relevant economic operator or operators and shall evaluate the national measure in order to determine if it is justified or not.

In case of an agreement between the Parties on the results of their investigations, the Member States and Switzerland shall take the measures necessary to ensure that appropriate restrictive measures are taken in respect of the toy concerned, such as the withdrawal of the toy from their market, without delay.

In case of a disagreement between the Parties on the results of their investigations, the issue will be forwarded to the Committee, which may decide to have an expert study carried out.

Where the Committee considers that the measure is:

(a) unjustified, the national authority of the Member State or Switzerland which took the measure shall withdraw it;

(b) justified, the Parties shall take the measures necessary to ensure that the non-compliant toy is withdrawn from their market.

CHAPTER 4
MEDICAL DEVICES

Section I
Legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions

Provisions covered by Article 1(2)

European Union


Switzerland

100. Federal Law of 15 December 2000 on medicinal products and medical devices (RO 2001 2790), as last amended on 14 December 2012 (RO 2013 1493)

Section II  
**Conformity assessment bodies**

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Section III  
**Designating authorities**

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Section IV  
**Special rules relating to the designation of conformity assessment bodies listed in Section II**

For the designation of conformity assessment bodies, the designating authorities shall comply with the general principles contained in Annex 2 to this Agreement and the assessment criteria set out in Annex XI to Directive 93/42/EEC, in Annex 8 to Directive 90/385/EEC and in Annex IX to Directive 98/79/EC, in respect of the bodies designated under those Directives.

Section V  
**Supplementary provisions**

1. *Registration of the person responsible for placing devices on the market*

Any manufacturer who places on the market of one of the Parties the medical devices referred to in Article 14 of Directive 93/42/EEC or Article 10 of Directive 98/79/EC shall inform the competent authorities of the Party in which he has his registered place of business of the particulars referred to in those Articles. The Parties shall reciprocally recognise that registration. The manufacturer shall not be obliged to designate a person responsible for placing devices on the market established in the territory of the other Party.

2. *Labelling of medical devices*

Manufacturers of both Parties shall indicate their name or trade name and address on the label of medical devices specified in Annex 1, point 13.3(a) to Directive 93/42/EEC and in vitro diagnostic medical devices specified in Annex 1, point 8.4(a), to Directive 98/79/EC. They shall not be obliged to indicate the name and address of the person responsible for placing the device on the market, of the representative or of the importer established within the territory of the other Party on the label, outer packaging or instructions for use.
For devices imported from third countries, in view of their distribution in the Community and Switzerland, the label, or the outer packaging, or instructions for use, shall contain the name and address of the single authorised representative of the manufacturer established within the Community or Switzerland, as appropriate.

3. Information exchange

In accordance with Article 9 of the Agreement, the Parties shall in particular exchange the information referred to in Article 8 of Directive 90/385/EEC, Article 10 of Directive 93/42/EEC and Article 11 of Directive 98/79/EC.

4. European databank

The competent Swiss authorities shall have access to the European databanks established under Article 12 of Directive 98/79/EC and Article 14a of Directive 93/42/EEC. They shall transmit to the Commission and/or body responsible for managing the databank the data provided for in those Articles collected in Switzerland for entry into the European databank.

CHAPTER 5
GAS APPLIANCES AND BOILERS

Section I
Legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions

Provisions covered by Article 1(1)

European Community

Switzerland
100. Ordinance of 16 December 1985 on Air Pollution Control (OAPC) (Annexes 3 and 4) (RS 814.318.142.1), as subsequently amended

Provisions covered by Article 1(2)

European Union

Switzerland
102. Ordinance of 19 May 2010 on product safety (RO 2010 2583)

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Conformity assessment bodies

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Section III
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Section IV
Special rules relating to the designation of conformity assessment bodies
For the designation of conformity assessment bodies, the designating authorities shall comply with the general principles contained in Annex 2 to this Agreement and the assessment criteria set out in Annex V to Directive 90/396/EEC.

CHAPTER 6
PRESSURE VESSELS

Section I
Legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions

Provisions covered by Article 1(2)

European Union


Switzerland

100. Federal Law of 12 June 2009 on product safety (RO 2010 2573)

101. Ordinance of 19 May 2010 on product safety (RO 2010 2583), as last amended on 15 June 2012 (RO 2012 3631)

102. Ordinance of 20 November 2002 on the safety of simple pressure vessels (RO 2003 107), as last amended on 19 May 2010 (RO 2010 2583)

103. Ordinance of 20 November 2002 on the safety of pressure equipment (RO 2003 38), as last amended on 19 May 2010 (RO 2010 2583)

104. Ordinance of 31 October 2012 relating to the placing on the market of dangerous goods receptacles and the market surveillance (RO 2012 6607)

105. Ordinance of 29 November 2002 on the transport of dangerous goods by road (RO 2002 4212), as last amended on 31 October 2012 (RO 2012 6535 and 6537)

106. Ordinance of 31 October 2012 on the transport of dangerous goods by rail and cableway (RO 2012 6541)
Section II

Conformity Assessment Bodies

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Section III

Designating Authorities

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Section IV

Special rules relating to the designation of conformity assessment bodies

For the designation of conformity assessment bodies, the designating authorities shall comply with the general principles contained in Annex 2 to this Agreement and the assessment criteria set out in Annex III to Directive 2009/105/EC, Annexes IV or V to Directive 97/23/EC or Chapter 4 of Directive 2010/35/EU.

Section V

Additional provisions

1. Simple pressure vessels and pressure equipment

It shall be sufficient for manufacturers, their authorised representatives or, where neither of these is present, the person responsible for placing products on the market, to hold the technical documents required by the national authorities for inspection purposes at their disposal in the territory of one of the Parties for a period of at least ten years after the last date of manufacture of the product. The Parties undertake to forward all relevant documents to the authorities of the other Party upon request.

2. Transportable pressure equipment

1. Market access

1. Pursuant to Directive 2010/35/EU or, respectively, the relevant Swiss legislation, the authorised representative shall indicate its name and address on the certificate of conformity. For the purpose of this obligation; "authorised representative" shall mean any natural or legal person established within the European Union or Switzerland who has received a written mandate from the manufacturer to act on his behalf in relation to specified tasks.

2. Pursuant to Directive 2010/35/EU or, respectively, the relevant Swiss legislation, the importer shall indicate its name and the address at which it can be contacted either on, or attached to the certificate of conformity. For the purpose of this obligation, "importer" shall mean any natural or legal person established within the European Union or Switzerland who places transportable pressure equipment or parts thereof from a third country on the European Union or on the Swiss market.

3. For the purposes of paragraphs 1 and 2, it shall be sufficient to mention either the importer or the authorised representative.

2. Information exchange regarding technical documentation and cooperation regarding corrective action
Economic operators of Switzerland or a Member State shall, further to a reasoned request from the competent national authority of Switzerland or a Member State, provide it with all the information and documentation necessary to demonstrate the conformity of the transportable pressure equipment with Directive 2010/35/EU or the relevant Swiss legislation in a language easily understood by that authority or in English. They shall cooperate with that authority, at its request, on any action taken to eliminate the risks posed by transportable pressure equipment which they have placed on the market.

3. **Identification of economic operators**

Economic operators shall, on request from the market surveillance authority of either an EU Member State or Switzerland, identify the following to it for a period of at least 10 years:

(a) any economic operator who has supplied them with transportable pressure equipment;

(b) any economic operator to whom they have supplied transportable pressure equipment.

4. **Mutual assistance of market surveillance authorities**

To ensure efficient cooperation for actions concerning economic operators based in a Member State or in Switzerland, the market surveillance authorities of a Member State and Switzerland shall give each other assistance on an adequate scale by supplying information or documentation, by carrying out appropriate investigation or any other appropriate measure, by participating in investigations initiated by the other Party.

5. **Procedure for dealing with transportable pressure equipment presenting a risk at national level**

1. Pursuant to Article 12(4) of this Agreement, where the market surveillance authorities of a Member State or Switzerland have taken action or have sufficient reason to believe that a transportable pressure equipment covered by this chapter presents a risk to the health or safety of persons or to other aspects of public interest protection covered by Directive 2010/35/EU respectively the relevant Swiss legislation, and if they consider that non-compliance is not restricted to their national territory, they shall inform the European Commission, the other Member States and Switzerland without delay of:

   – the results of the evaluation and of the actions which they have required the economic operator to take.

   – where the relevant economic operator does not take adequate corrective action, all appropriate provisional measures taken to prohibit or restrict the transportable pressure equipment being made available on their national market, to withdraw the equipment from that market or to recall it.

2. This information shall include all available details, in particular the data necessary for the identification of the non-compliant transportable pressure equipment, the origin of the equipment, the nature of the alleged non-compliance and the risk involved, the nature and duration of the national measures taken and the arguments put forward by the relevant economic operator. Further, it shall be indicated whether the non-compliance is due to either:

   – failure of the transportable pressure equipment to meet requirements relating to the health or safety of persons or to other aspects of public interest protection in the legislation in section I, or

   – shortcomings in the standards or technical codes referred to in the legislation in section I.

3. Switzerland, or Member States other than the Member State initiating the procedure shall without delay inform the European Commission and the other national authorities of any measures adopted and of any additional information at their disposal relating to the non-compliance of the transportable pressure equipment concerned.

4. Member States and Switzerland shall ensure that appropriate restrictive measures are taken in respect of the transportable pressure equipment concerned, such as withdrawal of the transportable pressure equipment from their market, without delay.

5. Switzerland shall notify the contact details of its market surveillance authority, as well as any changes thereof, to the European Union via the Committee established under Article 10 of this Agreement.

6. **Safeguard procedure**

Should it disagree with the notified national measure, Switzerland or a Member state shall inform the European Commission of its objections.
1. **Objections against national measures**

Where, on completion of the procedure set out in paragraph 3 of section 5 above, objections are raised by a Member State or Switzerland against a measure taken by Switzerland or a Member State or where the Commission considers a national measure to be non-compliant with the relevant legislation referred to in Section I, the European Commission shall without delay enter into consultation with the Member States, Switzerland and the relevant economic operator or operators and shall evaluate the national measure, in order to determine whether the national measure is justified or not. If the national measure is considered:

– justified, all Member States and Switzerland shall take the measures necessary to ensure that the non-compliant transportable pressure equipment is withdrawn from their markets, and shall inform the Commission accordingly.
– unjustified, the Member State concerned or Switzerland shall withdraw it.

2. **Disagreement between the Parties**

In case of a disagreement between the Parties the issue will be forwarded to the Joint Committee, which will decide on an appropriate course of action, including the possibility to have an expert study carried out. Where the Committee considers that the measure is:

– justified, the Parties shall take the measures necessary to ensure that the non-compliant transportable pressure equipment is withdrawn from their market.
– unjustified, the Member State or Switzerland shall withdraw it;

7. **Free movement of transportable pressure equipment**

Without prejudice to the procedures in paragraph 3 and 4 above, no Member State or Switzerland shall prohibit, restrict or impede on its territory the free movement, the making available on the market and the use of transportable pressure equipment, which complies with the legal provisions in Section I.

**CHAPTER 7**

**RADIO EQUIPMENT AND TELECOMMUNICATION TERMINAL EQUIPMENT**

**Section I**

**Legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions**

*Provisions covered by Article 1(2)*

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7. Commission Decision 2013/638/EU of 12 August 2013 on essential requirements relating to marine radio communication equipment which is intended to be used on non-SOLAS vessels and to participate in the Global Maritime Distress and Safety System (GMDSS) (OJ L 296, 7.11.2013, p. 22)

Switzerland

100. Federal Law of 30 April 1997 on Telecommunications (LTC); (RO 1997 2187), as last amended on 12 June 2009 (RO 2010 2617)

101. Ordinance of 14 June 2002 on Telecommunications Equipment (OIT); (RO 2002 2086), as last amended on 31 October 2012 (RO 2012 6561)

102. Ordinance of 14 June 2002 of the Federal Office of Communications (OFCOM) on Telecommunications Equipment; (RO 2002 2111), as last amended on 12 August 2013 (RO 2013 2649)

103. Annex 1 to the OFCOM Ordinance on Telecommunications Equipment (RO 2002 2115), as last amended on 21 November 2005 (RO 2005 5139)

104. List of technical standards published in the Feuille Fédérale with titles and references, as last amended on 28 December 2012 (FF 2012 9084)


Section II
Conformity assessment bodies

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Section IV
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Section V
Supplementary provisions

1. TCAM

Switzerland shall participate as observer in TCAM work and that of its subgroups.

2. Market surveillance

The Parties shall notify each other of the authorities established on their territory responsible for carrying out the surveillance tasks involved in the implementation of their legislation as set out in Section I.

The Parties shall notify each other of their market surveillance activities within the bodies designated for this purpose.

3. Regulated interfaces
The Parties shall inform each other of the interfaces they have regulated on their territory. When establishing the equivalence of notified interfaces and determining equipment class identifiers, the European Community shall take account of the interfaces regulated in Switzerland.

4. Interfaces offered by public telecommunications network operators

The Parties shall inform each other of interfaces offered on their territory by public telecommunications network operators.

5. Application of essential requirements

When the Commission intends to adopt a decision to apply a requirement set in Article 3(3) of Directive 1999/5/EC, it shall consult Switzerland on the issue before submitting it formally to the Committee.

When Switzerland intends to adopt a technical and administrative regulation to apply a requirement set in Article 7.4 of the Ordinance on Telecommunications Equipment, it shall consult the Commission on the issue before submitting it formally to the Committee.

6. Authorisation to disconnect

Where one of the Parties considers that apparatus declared to comply with its legislation causes serious damage to a network or radioelectric interference, or degradation of a network or its operation, and that Party has authorised the operator to refuse connection of the apparatus, disconnect it or withdraw it from service, it shall inform the other Party of this authorisation.

7. Harmonised standards

Where Switzerland considers that compliance with a harmonised standard does not guarantee that the essential requirements of its legislation as listed in Section I will be fulfilled, it shall inform the Committee and give its reasons.

The Committee shall consider the case and may ask the European Community to act in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 5 of Directive 1999/5/EC. The Committee shall be informed of the result of the procedure.

8. Mutual notification concerning radiocommunication equipment which conforms to requirements but is not intended for use in the spectrum of one of the parties

When either of the Parties adopts any appropriate measure to prohibit or restrict the placing on its market and/or require the withdrawal from its market of radiocommunications equipment, including types of radio equipment which has caused or which it reasonably considers will cause harmful interference, including interference with existing or planned services on nationally allocated frequency bands, it shall notify the other party thereof giving its reasons and naming the countries concerned.

9. Safeguard clause relating to industrial products

9.1. Where either of the Parties takes a measure to prohibit the placing of its market of a telecommunications installation declared to be in compliance with Directive 1999/5/EC, it shall immediately inform the other party, giving the reasons for its decision and stating how non-compliance was established.

9.2. The Parties shall consider the measure and the evidence presented to them and shall notify each other of the results of their investigations.

9.3. If the parties agree regarding the results of their investigations they shall take the appropriate measures to ensure that such products are not placed on the market.

9.4. If the Parties disagree regarding the results of their investigations, the case shall be forwarded to the Committee, which may decide to have an expert study carried out.
9.5. Where the Committee considers that the measure is
(a) unjustified, the national authority of the Party which took the measure shall withdraw it;
(b) justified, they shall take the appropriate measures to ensure that products are not placed on the market.

CHAPTER 8
EQUIPMENT AND PROTECTIVE SYSTEMS INTENDED FOR USE IN POTENTIALLY EXPLOSIVE ATMOSPHERES

Section I
Legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions

Provisions covered by Article 1(2)

European Union

Switzerland
100. Federal law of 24 June 1902 concerning the electrical weak and heavy current installations (RO 19 252 and RS 4 798), as last amended on 20 March 2008 (RO 2008 3437)
101. Ordinance of 2 March 1998 on the safety of equipment and protective systems intended for use in potentially explosive atmospheres (RO 1998 963), as last amended on 11 June 2010 (RO 2010 2749)
103. Ordinance of 19 May 2010 on product safety (RO 2010 2583), as last amended on 15 June 2012 (RO 2012 3631)

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Section IV
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For the designation of conformity assessment bodies, designating authorities shall comply with the general principles contained in Annex 2 to this Agreement and assessment criteria set out in Annex XI to Directive 94/9/EC.

Section V
Supplementary provisions

1. Information exchange
The conformity assessment bodies recognised under this Agreement shall provide the other conformity assessment bodies with the information concerning EC type-examination certificates and additions issued and withdrawn as well as quality system approvals issued and withdrawn as provided for, respectively, in Annex III, point 7, Annex IV, point 6 and Annex VII, point 6 of Directive 94/9/EC. In addition they shall keep at the disposal of the other conformity assessment bodies the annexes to the EC type-examination certificates issued as provided for in Annex III, point 8 of Directive 94/9/EC.

2. Technical documentation

It shall be sufficient for manufacturers, their authorised representatives or, where neither of these is present, the person responsible for placing products on the market to hold the technical documents required by the national authorities for inspection purposes at their disposal in the territory of one of the Parties for a period of at least 10 years after the last date of manufacture of the product.

The Parties hereby undertake to forward all relevant technical documents at the request of the authorities of the other Party.

CHAPTER 9
ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT AND ELECTROMAGNETIC COMPATIBILITY

Section I

Legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions

Provisions covered by Article 1(2)

European Community


Switzerland

100. Federal Law of 24 June 1902 concerning the electrical weak and heavy current installations (RO 19 252 and RS 4 798), as last amended on 20 March 2008 (RO 2008 3437)


102. Ordinance of 30 March 1994 on electrical heavy current installations (RO 1994 1199), as last amended on 16 November 2011 (RO 2011 6233)

103. Ordinance of 9 April 1997 on electrical low voltage equipment (RO 1997 1016), as last amended on 11 June 2010 (RO 2010 2749)

104. Ordinance of 18 November 2009 on electromagnetic compatibility (RO 2009 6243), as last amended on 24 August 2010 (RO 2010 3619)

105. Ordinance of 14 June 2002 on Telecommunications Equipment (OIT); (RO 2002 2086), as last amended on 31 October 2012 (RO 2012 6561)

106. List of the technical standards published in the Feuille Fédérale with titles and references, as last amended on 6 November 2012 (FF 2012 7968)
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Section III
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Section IV
Special rules relating to the designation of conformity assessment bodies

For the designation of conformity assessment bodies, designating authorities shall comply with the general principles contained in Annex 2 to this Agreement and the assessment criteria set out in Annex VI to Directive 2004/108/EC.

Section V
Supplementary provisions

1. Technical documentation

It shall be sufficient for manufacturers, their authorised representatives or the person responsible for placing products on the market to hold the technical documents required by the national authorities for inspection purposes at their disposal in the territory of one of the Parties for a period of at least 10 years after the last date of manufacture of the product.

The Parties hereby undertake to forward all relevant documents at the request of the authorities of the other Party.

2. Indication of the name and address of the manufacturer

It shall be sufficient for manufacturers, their authorised representatives or, where neither of these is present the person responsible for placing products on the market established in the territory of one of the Parties to indicate their name or trade name and address as specified in Article 9(2) of Directive 2004/108/EC. They shall not be obliged to be established or appoint a representative in the territory of the Party in which the products are placed on the market in order to fulfil that provision.

3. Standardisation bodies

In accordance with Article 11 of Directive 2006/95/EC, the Parties shall notify each other of the bodies responsible for drawing up the standards referred to in Article 5 of this Directive.

4. Notified bodies

The Parties shall inform each other of and mutually recognise the bodies made responsible for drawing up technical reports and/or certificates pursuant to Articles 8(2) and 9(3) of Directive 2006/95/EC as well as those made responsible for the tasks as described in Annex III to Directive 2004/108/EC.

5. Safeguard clause

Where either of the Parties takes a measure to prohibit the placing on its market of a product declared to be in compliance with Directive 2004/108/CE, it shall immediately inform the other Party, giving the reasons for its decision and stating how non-compliance was established.

The Parties shall consider the measure and the evidence presented to them and shall notify each other of the results of their investigations.
If the Parties agree regarding the results of their investigations they shall take the appropriate measures to ensure that such products are not placed on the market.

If the Parties disagree regarding the results of their investigations, the case shall be forwarded to the Committee, which may decide to have an expert study carried out.

Where the Committee considers that the measure is

(a) unjustified, the national authority of the Party which took the measure shall withdraw it;

(b) justified, they shall take the appropriate measures to ensure that products are not placed on the market.

CHAPTER 10
CONSTRUCTION PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Section I
Legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions

Provisions covered by Article 1(2)

European Community

Switzerland
100. Ordinance of 22 May 2007 on the noise emission in the environment by equipment for use outdoors (RO 2007 2827)

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Section IV
Special rules relating to the designation of conformity assessment bodies

For the designation of conformity assessment bodies, designating authorities shall comply with the general principles contained Annex 2 to this Agreement and those assessment criteria set out in Annex IX to Directive 2000/14/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council.

Section V
Supplementary provisions

1. Location of the manufacturer

By way of derogation from Article 4 of Directive 2000/14/EC, it shall be sufficient that the manufacturer or his authorised representative or, where neither of these is present, the person responsible for placing the equipment on the market or putting it into service is established in the territory of one of the Parties.

2. Information exchange
In accordance with Article 9 of the Agreement, the Parties shall in particular exchange the information referred to in Articles 9 and 14(3) of Directive 2000/14/EC.

In addition, the conformity assessment bodies recognised under this Agreement shall provide the other conformity assessment bodies with the information concerning quality system approvals issued and withdrawn as provided for in Annex VIII, point 6 of Directive 2000/14/EC.

3. Collection of noise data

The competent Swiss authorities shall have access to the database established under Article 16 of Directive 2000/14/EC. They shall transmit to the Commission and/or body responsible for managing the database the data provided for in this Article as collected in Switzerland for entry into the database.

CHAPTER 11
MEASURING INSTRUMENTS AND PREPACKAGES

Section I
Legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions

Provisions covered by Article 1(1)

European Union


Switzerland

100. Ordinance of 5 September 2012 on the declaration of quantities for unpackaged and prepackaged products (RS 941.204), as subsequently amended

101. Ordinance of the Federal Ministry of Justice and Police of 10 September 2012 on the declaration of quantities for unpackaged and pre-packaged products (RS 941.204.1), as subsequently amended

Provisions covered by Article 1(2)

European Union


Switzerland
103. Ordinance of 23 November 1994 on units measurement (RO 1994 3109), as last amended on 7 December 2012 (RO 2012 7193)
104. Ordinance of 15 February 2006 concerning measuring instruments (RO 2006 7207)
105. Ordinance of the Federal Ministry of Justice and Police of 16 April 2004 on weighing instruments (RO 2004 2093), as last amended on 7 December 2012 (RC 2012 7183)
106. Ordinance of the Federal Ministry of Justice and Police of 19 March 2006 on instruments of length (RO 2006 1433), as last amended on 7 December 2012 (RC 2012 7183)
107. Ordinance of the Federal Ministry of Justice and Police of 19 March 2006 on measuring instruments for liquids other than water (RO 2006 1533), as last amended on 7 December 2012 (RC 2012 7183)
109. Ordinance of the Federal Ministry of Justice and Police of 19 March 2006 on measuring instruments for the electrical energy and power (RO 2006 1613), as last amended on 7 December 2012 (RC 2012 7183)
111. Ordinance of the Federal Ministry of Justice and Police of 19 March 2006 on measuring instruments for thermal energy (RO 2006 1569), as last amended on 7 December 2012 (RC 2012 7183)
113. Ordinance of the Federal Ministry of Justice and Police of 19 March 2006 on measuring instruments for the electrical energy and power (RO 2006 1613), as last amended on 7 December 2012 (RC 2012 7183)
114. Ordinance of 15 August 1986 on weights (RO 1986 2022), as last amended on 7 December 2012 (RC 2012 7183)

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For the designation of conformity assessment bodies, designating authorities shall comply with the general principles contained in Annex 2 to this Agreement and the assessment criteria set out in Annex V to Directive 2009/23/EC and in Article 12 to Directive 2004/22/EC, as regards the products covered by those Directives.

Section V
Supplementary provisions

1. Information exchange

The conformity assessment bodies recognised under this Agreement shall periodically provide the Member States and the competent Swiss authorities with the information provided for in point 1.5 of Annex II to Directive 2009/23/EC.

The conformity assessment bodies recognised under this Agreement may request the information provided for in point 1.6 of Annex II to Directive 2009/23/EC.

2. Pre-packages

Switzerland shall recognise checks carried out in accordance with the provisions of European Union legislation listed in section I by a European Union body recognised under this Agreement in the case of European Union prepackages placed on the market in Switzerland.

As regards statistical checking of the quantities declared on prepackages, the European Union shall recognise the Swiss method laid down in Annex 3 Point 7 of the Ordinance of 5 September 2012 on the declaration of quantities for unpackaged and prepackaged products (RS 941.204) as equivalent to the European Union method laid down in Annex II of Directives 75/106/EEC and 76/211/EEC, as amended by Directive 78/891/EEC. Swiss producers whose prepackages conform to European Union legislation and have been checked according to the Swiss method shall affix the “e” mark on their products exported to the EU.

3. Marking

3.1. For the purposes of this Agreement, the provisions of Directive 2009/34/EC of 23 April 2009 shall be read with the following adaptations:

(a) To the first indent of point 3.1 of Annex 1 and to the first indent of point 3.1.1.1 (a) of Annex II, the following shall be added to the text in brackets: "CH for Switzerland".

(b) The drawings to which point 3.2.1 of Annex II refers, are supplemented by the following drawing:

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3.2. By the way of derogation from Article 1 of this Agreement, the rules on marking for measuring instruments placed on the Swiss market are as follows:
The marking that must be affixed is the EC marking and supplementary metrology marking or the national sign of the EC Member State concerned as provided in the first indent of point 3.1 of Annex I and the first indent of point 3.1.1.1 of Annex II to Directive 2009/34/EC of 23 April 2009.


4.1. Information exchange, market surveillance and administrative cooperation

In accordance with Article 18 of Directive 2004/22/EC, the competent authorities of the Member States and Switzerland shall assist each other in the fulfilment of their obligations to carry out market surveillance.

In particular, the competent authorities shall exchange:

— Information concerning the extent to which instruments they examine comply with the provisions of Directive 2004/22/EC, and the results of such examinations,

— EC-type examination and design examination certificates and their annexes issued by notified bodies as well as additions, amendments and withdrawals relating to certificates already issued,

— quality system approvals issued by notified bodies, as well as information on quality systems refused or withdrawn,

— evaluation reports established by notified bodies, when demanded by other authorities,

The Member States and Switzerland shall ensure that all necessary information relating to the certificates and quality system approvals is made available to bodies they have notified.

Each Party shall inform the other Party which competent authorities it has designated for such an exchange of information.

4.2. Technical documentation and declaration of conformity

It shall be sufficient for manufacturers, their authorised representatives or the person responsible for placing the products on the market to hold the technical documentation and declarations of conformity required by the national authorities for inspection purposes at their disposal in the territory of one of the Parties for a period of at least 10 years after the last date of manufacture of the product.

The Parties hereby undertake to forward all relevant documents at the request of the authorities of the other Party.

CHAPTER 12
MOTOR VEHICLES

Section I
Legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions

Provisions covered by Article 1(2)

European Union


Switzerland

100. Ordinance of 19 June 1995 relating to the technical requirements for power-driven transportation vehicles and their trailers (RO 1995 4145), as amended until 30 November 2012 (RO 2012 7137)
101. Ordinance of 19 June 1995 relating to the type approval of road vehicles (RO 1995 3997), as amended until 7 December 2012 (RO 2012 7065) and taking into account amendments accepted according to the procedure described in Section V, paragraph 1

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Section IV
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For the designation of conformity assessment bodies, the designating authorities shall refer to their respective legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions as listed in section I.

Section V
Supplementary provisions

The provisions of this section shall apply exclusively to relations between Switzerland and the European Union.

1. Amendments to Annex IV respectively to acts listed in Annex IV to Directive 2007/46/EC


Switzerland shall notify the European Union without delay of the relevant amendments of the Swiss legislation, at the latest by the date of application of these amendments in the European Union.

2. Information exchange

The competent type-approval authorities in Switzerland and the Member States shall in particular exchange the information referred to in Article 8(5) to (8) of the Framework Directive 2007/46/EC.

In the event of refusal by Switzerland or a Member State to grant type-approval in accordance with Article 8(3) of the Framework Directive 2007/46/EC, it shall immediately send the other Member States, Switzerland and the Commission a detailed file explaining the reasons for its decision and setting out the evidence for its findings.

3. Recognition of vehicle type-approval


The European Union shall recognise Swiss type-approval where Switzerland’s requirements are deemed to be equivalent to those of the Framework Directive 2007/46/EC.
Recognition of Swiss-issued type-approval shall be suspended should Switzerland fail to adapt its legislation to all the European Union type-approval legislation in force.

4. Safeguard clauses

1. Vehicles, systems, components or separate technical units in compliance with the applicable legislation

1. If a Member State or Switzerland finds that new vehicles, systems, components or separate technical units, albeit in compliance with the applicable requirements or properly marked, present a serious risk to road safety, or seriously harm the environment or public health, that State may, for a maximum period of 6 months, refuse to register such vehicles or to permit the sale or entry into service in its territory of such vehicles, components or separate technical units.

In such cases, the Member State concerned or Switzerland shall immediately notify the manufacturer, the other Member States, Switzerland and the Commission accordingly, stating the reasons on which its decision is based.

2. The Commission and Switzerland shall consult the Parties concerned as soon as possible and, in particular, their respective approval authorities that granted the type-approval. The Committee shall be kept informed and, where necessary, shall hold appropriate consultations with the view to reaching a settlement.

2. Vehicles, systems, components or separate technical units not in conformity with the approved type

1. If a Member State or Switzerland which has granted a type-approval finds that new vehicles, systems, components or separate technical units accompanied by a certificate of conformity or bearing an approval mark do not conform to the type it has approved, it shall take the necessary measures, including, where necessary, the withdrawal of type-approval, to ensure that production vehicles, systems, components or separate technical units, as the case may be, are brought into conformity with the approved type. The approval authority of that Member State or Switzerland shall advise the approval authorities of the other Member States and/or Switzerland of the measures taken.

2. For the purposes of paragraph 1, deviations from the particulars in the type-approval certificate or the information package shall be deemed to constitute failure to conform to the approved type.

A vehicle shall not be deemed to deviate from the approved type where tolerances are permitted by the relevant regulatory acts and those tolerances are respected.

3. If a Member State or Switzerland demonstrates that new vehicles, components or separate technical units accompanied by a certificate of conformity or bearing an approval mark do not conform to the approved type, it may ask the Member State or Switzerland which granted the type-approval to verify that vehicles, systems, components or separate technical units in production continue to conform to the approved type. On receipt of such a request, the Member State concerned or Switzerland shall take the requisite action as soon as possible and in any case within 6 months of the date of the request.

4. The approval authority shall request the Member State or Switzerland which granted the system, component, separate technical unit or incomplete vehicle type-approval to take the necessary action to ensure that vehicles in production are brought back into conformity with the approved type in the following cases:

(a) in relation to a vehicle type-approval, where the non-conformity of a vehicle is attributable exclusively to the non-conformity of a system, component or separate technical unit;

(b) in relation to a multi-stage type-approval, where the non-conformity of a completed vehicle is attributable exclusively to the non-conformity of a system, component or separate technical unit being part of the incomplete vehicle, or of the incomplete vehicle itself.

On receipt of such a request, the Member State concerned or Switzerland shall take the requisite action, if necessary in conjunction with the Member State making the request or Switzerland, as soon as possible and in any case within 6 months of the date of the request. Where a failure to conform is established, the approval authority of the Member State
or Switzerland which granted the system, component or separate technical unit type-approval or the approval of the incomplete vehicle shall take the measures set out in paragraph 1.

5. The approval authorities shall inform each other within 20 working days of any withdrawal of type-approval and of the reasons therefor.

6. If the Member State or Switzerland that granted type-approval disputes the failure to conform notified to it, the Member States concerned and Switzerland shall endeavour to settle the dispute. The Committee shall be kept informed and, where necessary, shall hold appropriate consultations with a view to reaching a settlement.

CHAPTER 13

AGRICULTURAL OR FORESTRY TRACTORS

Section I

Legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions

Provisions covered by Article 1(2)

European Union


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Section V
Supplementary provisions

The provisions of this section shall apply exclusively to relations between Switzerland and the Community.

1. Information exchange

The competent Member State's and Swiss authorities shall notify each other of conforming (Article 5 and 6, Directive 74/150/EEC, as last amended) or non-conforming (Article 8, Directive 74/150/EEC, as last amended by Commission Directive 2001/3/EC) vehicles, devices and systems placed on the market.

In the event of refusal by Switzerland or the Member States to grant type-approval in accordance with Article 4 of Directive 74/150/EEC, as last amended by Directive 2001/3/EC, their competent authorities shall notify each other of their decision and give the reasons for it.

2. Recognition of vehicle type-approval

Switzerland shall also recognise tractor or separate technical unit type-approvals granted before the entry into force of this Agreement in accordance with Directive 74/150/EEC, as last amended by Commission Directive 2001/3/EC, by the authorities responsible for type-approval in the EU Member States where that approval is still valid in the EC.

The European Community shall recognise Swiss type-approval where Switzerland's requirements are deemed to be equivalent to those of Directive 74/150/EEC, as last amended by Commission Directive 2001/3/EC.

Recognition of Swiss-issued type-approval shall be suspended should Switzerland fail to adapt its legislation to all the Community type-approval legislation in force.

3. Vehicle type-approval safeguard clauses

Registration and entry into service

1. Each Member State and Switzerland shall permit the registration, the sale or entry into service of new tractors on grounds relating to their construction and operation if, and only if, they are accompanied by a valid certificate of conformity.

2. Each Member State and Switzerland shall permit the sale or entry into service of separate technical units if, and only if, they comply with the requirements of the relevant separate Directive or the requirements of the Swiss legislation equivalent to the relevant separate Directive.

3. If a Member State or Switzerland finds that tractors of a particular type maybe a hazard to safety on the road or at work, although they are accompanied by a valid certificate of conformity, it may, for a maximum period of six months, refuse to register new tractors of that type or may prohibit their sale, entry into service or use in its territory. It shall forthwith notify the other Member States, Switzerland and the Commission thereof, stating the reasons on which its decision is based. The Commission shall within six weeks consult the States concerned by the dispute (Member States or Switzerland). The Commission shall deliver an opinion without delay and take appropriate steps.

Measures related to the conformity of production

1. When a Member State or Switzerland grants type-approval, it shall take the necessary measures to verify, if need be in cooperation with the approval authorities of the other Member States or Switzerland, that production models conform to the approved prototype. Such verification shall be limited to spot checks.

2. When a Member State or Switzerland has granted a type approval, it shall take the necessary measures to ensure that it is informed of any cessation of production and of any change in particulars appearing in the information document. If the State in question finds that an amendment to an information document warrants fresh checks or fresh tests and that
it is accordingly necessary to amend the existing type-approval certificate or complete a new type-approval certificate, the competent authorities of that state shall inform the manufacturer thereof and shall, within one month of such new documents being completed, send them to the competent authorities of the other Member States or Switzerland.

Nonconformity with the approved type

1. There shall be failure to conform to the approved type where deviations from the particulars in the information document are found to exist and where these deviations have not been authorised under Article 6(2) or (3) of the Directive 74/150/EEC, as last amended by Directive 2001/3/EC, by the Member State or Switzerland which granted the type-approval. A tractor shall not be considered to deviate from the approved type where tolerances are permitted by separate Directives and these tolerances are respected.

2. Where a Member State or Switzerland has granted type-approval and finds that a number of tractors accompanied by a certificate of conformity do not conform to the type it has approved, it shall take the necessary measures to ensure that production models conform to the approved type.

The approval authorities of that Member State or Switzerland shall notify those of the other Member States and/or Switzerland of the measures taken which may extend to withdrawal of the type-approval. The said authorities shall take like measures if they are informed by the type-approval authorities of another Member State or Switzerland of such failure to conform.

3. The approval authorities of the Member States or Switzerland shall inform each other within one month of any withdrawal of EC type-approval and of the reasons for such a measure.

4. If the Member State or Switzerland which granted type-approval disputes the failure to conform notified to it, the States (Member States or Switzerland) concerned shall endeavour to settle the dispute. The Commission and the Committee shall be kept informed and shall, where necessary, hold appropriate consultations for the purpose of reaching a settlement.

CHAPTER 14
GOOD LABORATORY PRACTICE (GLP)

Scope and coverage

The provisions of this Chapter shall apply to the testing of chemicals according to GLP, being either substances or preparations, covered by the legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions listed in section I. For the purposes of this Chapter the provisions of Article 4 of this Agreement concerning origin do not apply.

Unless specific definitions are given, the definition of terms in the OECD Principles of Good Laboratory Practice as revised in 1997 [ENV/MC/CHM(98)17] based on OECD Council Decision of 12 May 1981 C(81)30(Final)] amended on 26 November 1997 [C(97) 186 FINAL], as well as Council Decision-Recommendation of 2 October 1989 [C(89)87(Final)] and GLP Consensus documents, OECD Series on Principles of Good Laboratory Practice and Compliance Monitoring, and all amendments made thereto, shall apply.

The Parties recognise the equivalence of each other's compliance monitoring programmes on Good Laboratory Practice that are in accordance with the OECD decisions and recommendations mentioned above and the legislative, regulatory and administrative procedures and principles listed in Section IV.

The Parties mutually accept studies and data generated therefrom, produced by the test facilities of the other Party listed in Section II provided they participate in the Good Laboratory Practice compliance monitoring programme of that Party in accordance with the principles and provisions stated above.

The Parties mutually accept the conclusions of study audits and test facility inspections performed by the GLP monitoring authorities referred to in Section III.
Legislative regulatory and administrative provisions

With regard to the testing of chemicals according to GLP, the relevant parts of the legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions listed below shall apply.

Provisions covered by Article 1(2)

European Union

Food and feed


New and existing chemicals


Medicinal products


Veterinary medicinal products


Plant protection products


Biocidal products


Cosmetic products


Detergents

Section II
Conformity assessment bodies

For the purpose of this Sectoral Chapter, “Conformity Assessment Bodies” means the test facilities recognised under each Party’s GLP monitoring programme.

The Committee established under Article 10 of this Agreement shall draw up and keep up to date, according to the procedure described in Article 11 of the Agreement, a list of the conformity assessment bodies.

Section III
Designating authorities

For the purpose of this Sectoral Annex, the term “Designating Authorities” means the GLP Monitoring Authorities of the Parties. The Contact Details of the GLP Monitoring Authorities of the Member States of the European Union and of Switzerland can be found in the websites indicated below.

For the European Community:

For Switzerland:
Section IV
Special principles for designating conformity assessment bodies

For the purpose of this Sectoral Chapter, “designation of conformity assessment bodies” means the procedure by which the GLP Monitoring Authorities recognise that test facilities comply with the GLP principles. To this end they shall apply the principles and procedures of their provisions listed below, that are recognised to be equivalent and in conformity with the aforementioned OECD Council Acts C(81)30 Final and C(89)87 (Final):

European Union:


Switzerland:

100. Federal law of 7 October 1983 on the protection of the environment (RO 1984 1122), as last amended on 22 March 2013 (FF 2012 8671)


102. Federal law of 15 December 2000 on medicinal products and medical devices (RO 2001 2790), as last amended on 21 June 2013 (RO 2013 4137)

103. Ordinance of 18 May 2005 on Good Laboratory Practice (RO 2005 2795) as last amended on 11 November 2012 (RO 2012 6103)

Section V
Supplementary provisions

1. Information exchange

In accordance with Article 12 of this Agreement, the Parties in particular provide each other at least annually with a list of the test facilities which, in the light of the results of the inspections and study audits, conform to Good Laboratory Practice, as well as of the dates of inspection or audit and their compliance status.

In accordance with Article 6 of the Agreement, the Parties shall inform each other in a timely manner when a test facility coming under the terms of section II of this sectoral Chapter which states that it applies Good Laboratory Practice fails to conform to such practice to an extent which may jeopardise the integrity or authenticity of any such studies it conducts.

The Parties shall supply each other with any additional information on a test facility inspection or study audit in response to a reasonable request from the other Party.
2. Test facility inspections

Each Party may request further test facility inspection or study audits if there is a documented doubt as to whether a test was conducted in accordance with Good Laboratory Practice.

If, in exceptional cases, doubts persist and the requesting Party can justify special concern, it may, in accordance with Article 8 of the Agreement, designate one or more experts of its GLP monitoring authorities to participate in a laboratory inspection or the audit of a study conducted by the authorities of the other Party.

3. Confidentiality

In conformity with Article 13 of the Agreement, the Parties shall keep confidential any information brought to their knowledge pursuant to this Sectoral Chapter or that came to their knowledge in the framework of participation in an inspection or study audit and which falls within the definition of a trade secret or confidential commercial or financial information. They shall treat such information with at least the same confidentiality as that accorded to it by the providing Party and ensure that any authority to whom the information is transmitted treats it in the same way.

4. Cooperation

Based on Article 9 of the Agreement, each Party may, on request, participate as an observer in an inspection of a test facility conducted by the authorities of the other Party with the consent of the test facility concerned in order to maintain a continuing understanding of the other Party’s inspection procedures.

CHAPTER 15
MEDICINAL PRODUCTS GMP INSPECTION AND BATCH CERTIFICATION

Scope and coverage

The provisions of this Sectoral Chapter cover all medicinal products which are industrially manufactured in Switzerland or the European Community, and to which Good Manufacturing Practice (GMP) requirements apply.

For medicinal products covered by this Chapter, each party shall recognise the conclusions of inspections of manufacturers carried out by the relevant inspection services of the other Party and the relevant manufacturing authorisations granted by the competent authorities of the other Party.

The manufacturer’s certification of the conformity of each batch to its specifications shall be recognised by the other Party without re-control at import.

In addition, official batch releases carried out by an authority of the exporting Party will be recognised by the other Party.

“Medicinal products” means all products regulated by pharmaceutical legislation in the European Community and Switzerland as listed in Section I of this Chapter. The definition of medicinal products includes all human and veterinary products, such as chemical and biological pharmaceuticals, immunologicals, radio-pharmaceuticals, stable medicinal products derived from human blood or human plasma, premixes for the preparation of veterinary medicated feedingstuffs and, where appropriate, vitamins, minerals, herbal remedies and homeopathic medicinal products.

“GMP” is that part of quality assurance which ensures that products are consistently produced and controlled to the quality standards appropriate to their intended use and as required by the marketing authorisation and products specifications. For the purpose of this Chapter it includes the system whereby the manufacturer receives the specification of the product and the process from the marketing authorisation holder or applicant and ensures that the medicinal product is made in compliance with this specification.

With respect to medicinal products covered by the legislation of one Party but not the other, the manufacturing company can request, for the purpose of this Agreement, an inspection be made by the locally competent inspection
service. This provision shall apply i.a. to the manufacture of active pharmaceutical ingredients, intermediate products and investigational medicinal products, as well as to pre-marketing inspections. Operational arrangements are detailed under section III, paragraph 3.

Certification of manufacturers

At the request of an exporter, importer or the competent authority of the other Party, the authorities responsible for granting manufacturing authorisations and for supervision of the manufacture of medicinal products shall certify that the manufacturer:

— is appropriately authorised to manufacture the relevant medicinal product, or to carry out the relevant specified manufacturing operation,

— is regularly inspected by the authorities,

— complies with the national GMP requirements recognised as equivalent by the two parties, and which are listed in Section I of this Chapter. Should different GMP requirements be used as reference, this is to be mentioned in the certificate.

The certificates shall also identify the site(s) of manufacture (and contract quality control laboratories, if any).

Certificates shall be issued expeditiously, and the time taken should not exceed 30 calendar days. In exceptional cases, i.a. when a new inspection has to be carried out, this period may be extended to 60 days.

Batch certification

Each batch exported shall be accompanied by a batch certificate established by the manufacturer (self-certification) after a full qualitative analysis, a quantitative analysis of all the active ingredients and all the other tests or checks necessary to ensure the quality of the product in accordance with the requirements of the marketing authorisation. This certificate shall attest that the batch meets its specifications and shall be kept by the importer of the batch. It will be made available upon request of the competent authority.

When issuing a certificate, the manufacturer shall take account of the provisions of the current WHO certification scheme on the quality of pharmaceutical products moving in international commerce. The certificate shall detail the agreed specifications of the product, the reference of the analytical methods and the analytical results. It shall contain a statement that the batch processing and packaging records were reviewed and found in conformity with GMP. The batch certificate shall be signed by the person responsible for releasing the batch for sale or supply, i.e. in the European Community the “qualified person” referred to in Article 48 of Directive 2001/83/EC and Article 52 of Directive 2001/82/EC, and in Switzerland the “responsible person” referred to in Articles 5 and 10 of the Ordinance on establishment licences.

Official batch release

When an official batch release procedure applies, official batch releases carried out by an authority of the exporting Party (listed in section II) will be recognised by the other Party. The manufacturer shall provide the certificate of the official batch release.

For the Community, the official batch release procedure is specified in document “Control Authority Batch Release of Vaccination and Blood Products, 2001” or subsequent versions and in different specific batch release procedures. For Switzerland, the official batch release procedure is specified in Article 17 of the Federal Law on medicinal products and medical devices and in Articles 18–21 of the Ordinance of the Swiss Agency for Therapeutic Products on the requirements for the marketing authorisation of medicinal products.

Section I

Legislative regulatory and administrative provisions
Provisions covered by Article 1(2)

European Union


8. EudraLex Volume 4 — Medicinal Products for Human and Veterinary Use: EU Guidelines to Good Manufacturing Practice (published on website of the European Commission)


Switzerland

100. Federal Act of 15 December 2000 on medicinal products and medical devices (RO 2001 2790), as last amended on 1 July 2013 (RO 2013 1493)

101. Ordinance of 17 October 2001 on the establishment of licences (RO 2001 3399), as last amended on 1 January 2013 (RO 2012 3631)¹

102. Ordinance of the Swiss Agency for Therapeutic Products of 9 November 2001 on the requirements for the marketing authorisation of medicinal products (RO 2001 3437), as last amended on 1 January 2013 (RO 2012 5651)

103. Ordinance of 20 September 2013 on clinical trials in human

¹ Switzerland will notify the European Union without delay of the amendment corresponding to the EU Guidelines on Good Distribution Practice of medicinal products for human use (OJ C 343, 23.11.2013, p. 1).
Section II

Conformity assessment bodies

For the purpose of this Chapter "Conformity Assessment Bodies" means the official GMP inspection services of each Party.

The Contact Details of the official GMP Inspection Services of the Member States of the European Union and of Switzerland can be found in the websites indicated below.


For Swiss conformity assessment bodies

For all products for human and veterinary use (except immunological products for veterinary use):

http://www.swissmedic.ch/?lang=2

For immunobiological products for veterinary use


For conformity assessment bodies of the European Community


Section III

Supplementary provisions

1. Transmission of inspection reports

Upon reasoned request, the relevant inspection services shall forward a copy of the last inspection report of the manufacturing site or, in case analytical operations are contracted out, of the control site. The request may concern a “full inspection report” or a “detailed report” (see item 2 below). Each party shall deal with these inspection reports with the degree of confidentiality requested by the providing Party.

Parties will ensure that inspection reports are forwarded in no more than thirty calendar days, this period being extended to sixty days should a new inspection be carried out.

2. Inspection reports

A “full inspection report” comprises a Site Master File (compiled by the manufacturer or by the inspectorate) and a narrative report by the inspectorate. A “detailed report” responds to specific queries about a firm by the other Party.

3. GMP Reference

(a) Manufacturers shall be inspected against the applicable GMP of the exporting party (see section I).

(b) With respect to medicinal products covered by the pharmaceutical legislation of the importing Party but not the exporting one, the locally competent inspection service willing to carry out an inspection of the relevant manufacturing operations shall inspect against its own GMP or, in the absence of specific GMP requirements, against the applicable GMP of the importing Party.
For specific products or classes of products (e.g. investigational medicinal products, starting materials not limited to active pharmaceutical ingredients), equivalence of GMP requirements shall be determined according to a procedure established by the Committee.

4. **Nature of inspections**

(a) Inspections shall routinely assess the compliance of the manufacturer with GMP. These are called general GMP inspections (also regular, periodic, or routine inspections).

(b) “Product- or process-oriented” inspections (which may be “pre-marketing” inspections as relevant) focus on the manufacture of one or a series of product(s) or process(es) and include an assessment of the validation of and compliance with specific process or control aspects as described in the marketing authorisation. Where necessary, relevant product information (the quality dossier of an application/authorisation dossier) shall be provided in confidence to the inspectorate.

5. **Fees**

The regime of inspection/establishment fees is determined by the manufacturer’s location. Inspection/establishment fees shall not be charged to manufacturers located on the territory of the other Party.

6. **Safeguard clause for inspections**

Each Party reserves the right to have its own inspection conducted for reasons identified to the other Party. Such inspections are to be notified in advance to the other Party and shall, in accordance with Article 8 of this Agreement, be carried out jointly by the competent authorities of the two Parties. Recourse to this safeguard clause should be an exception.

7. **Exchange of information between authorities and approximation of quality requirements**

In accordance with the general provisions of the Agreement, the parties shall exchange any information necessary for the mutual recognition of inspections.

The relevant authorities in Switzerland and in the Community shall also keep each other informed of any new technical guidance or inspection procedure. Each party shall consult the other before their adoption and shall endeavour to proceed towards their approximation.

8. **Inspectors training**

In accordance with Article 9 of the Agreement, training sessions for inspectors, organised by the authorities, shall be accessible to inspectors of the other Party. The Parties to the Agreement shall keep each other informed on these sessions.

9. **Joint Inspections**

In accordance with Article 12 of the Agreement, and by mutual agreement between the Parties, joint inspections may be organised. These inspections are intended to develop common understanding and interpretation of practice and requirements. The setting up of these inspections and their form shall be agreed through procedures approved by the Committee established under Article 10 of the Agreement.

10. **Alert system**

Contact points shall be agreed between both Parties to permit authorities and manufacturers to inform the authorities of the other Party with the appropriate speed in case of quality defect, batch recalls, counterfeiting and other problems concerning quality, which could necessitate additional controls or suspension of the distribution of the batch. A detailed alert procedure shall be agreed.
The Parties shall ensure that any suspension or withdrawal (total or partial) of a manufacturing authorisation, based on non-compliance with GMP and which could have public health implications, are communicated to each other with the appropriate degree of urgency.

11. **Contact points**

For the purpose of this Agreement, the contact points for any technical question, such as exchanges of inspection reports, inspectors training sessions, technical requirements, are:

For the EC

The Director of the European Medicines Agency.

For Switzerland

The official GMP inspection services listed in Section II above.

12. **Divergence of views**

Both Parties shall use their best endeavours to resolve any divergence of views concerning inter alia compliance of manufacturers and conclusions of inspection reports. Unresolved divergences of view will be referred to the Committee as established under Article 10 of the Agreement.

**CHAPTER 16**

**CONSTRUCTION PRODUCTS**

**Section I**

**Legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions**

Provisions covered by Article 1 (2):

**European Union**


14) Commission Decision 97/462/EC of 27 June 1997 on the procedure for attesting the conformity of construction products pursuant to Article 20 (2)


45) Commission Decision 1999/470/EC of 29 June 1999 on the procedure for attesting the conformity of construction products pursuant to Article 20(2) of


for attesting the conformity of construction products pursuant to Article 20(2) of Council Directive 89/106/EEC as regards expansion joints for road bridges (OJ L 5, 10.01.2001, p. 6)


performance for construction products, as regards the inclusion of smoke and heat control products (OJ L 218, 30.08.2003, p. 51)


storage building envelope kits (OJ L 173, 06.07.2005, p. 15)


Switzerland

100. Federal law of 21 March 2014 on construction products (RO 2014 2867)

101. Ordinance of 27 August 2014 on construction products (RO 2014 2887)

102. Ordinance of the Federal office for Building and Logistics on the designation of European implementing and delegated acts regarding construction products of 10 September 2014 as last amended on 2 February 2015 (RO 2015 515)

103. Ordinance of 17 June 1996 on the Swiss accreditation system and on the designation of test laboratories and conformity assessment bodies (RO 1996 1904), as last amended on 1 July 2014 (RO 2014 1411)


SECTION II
CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODIES

1. For the purposes of this Chapter, and according to the Parties' legislation in Section I of this Chapter, "Conformity assessment bodies" mean the bodies designated to carry out tasks in the process of assessment and verification of constancy of performance (AVCP) as well as Technical Assessment Bodies (TABs) which are members of the European Organisation for Technical Assessment (EOTA).

2. The Committee established under Article 10 of this Agreement shall draw up and keep up to date, according to the procedure described in Article 11 of this Agreement, a list of the conformity assessment bodies.

SECTION III
DESIGNATING AUTHORITIES

The Committee established under Article 10 of this Agreement shall draw up and keep up to date a list of the designating authorities and the competent authorities notified by the Parties.

SECTION IV
SPECIAL RULES RELATING TO THE DESIGNATION
OF CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODIES

For the designation of conformity assessment bodies, the designating authorities shall comply with the general
principles contained in this Agreement.

SECTION V

SUPPLEMENTARY PROVISIONS

1. Amendments to legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions of Section I

Without prejudice to Article 12(2) of this Agreement, the European Union shall notify Switzerland of implementing
after their publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Switzerland shall notify the European Union without delay of the relevant amendments of the Swiss legislation.

2. Implementation

The Parties’ competent authorities and the organisations in charge of determining, in accordance with Regulation (EU)
No 305/2011, the:

– essential characteristics for which the manufacturer shall declare the performance of products,
– classes of performance and threshold levels in relation to the essential characteristics of construction
products,
– conditions on which a construction products shall be deemed to satisfy a certain level or class of performance,
or
– AVCP-systems applicable to a given construction product,

shall mutually respect the regulatory needs of the Member States and Switzerland.

3. European harmonised standards for construction products

(a) For the purpose of this Agreement, after their publishing in the Official Journal of the European Union
according to Article 17(5) of the Regulation (EU) No 305/2011, Switzerland will publish the reference of the
European harmonised standards for construction products, providing methods and criteria for assessing the
performance of construction products, including:

– classes of performance and threshold levels in relation to the essential characteristics of construction
products,
– conditions under which construction products are deemed to satisfy a certain level or class of performance
without testing.

(b) When Switzerland considers that a harmonised standard does not entirely satisfy the requirements set out in
the legislation listed in Section I, the Swiss competent authority may ask the European Commission to
consider the case in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 18 of Regulation (EU) No
305/2011.

Switzerland may bring the matter before the Committee, giving its arguments. The Committee shall consider
the case and may ask the European Union to act in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 18

4. European Technical Assessments (ETAs)

(a) Switzerland shall be entitled to designate TABs to issue ETAs. It shall make sure that designated TABs
become members of EOTA and participate in its work, in particular for developing and adopting European
Assessment Documents according to Article 19 of Regulation (EU) No 305/2011.
Procedures and decisions of EOTA shall also apply for the purpose of this Agreement.

(b) European Assessment Documents issued by EOTA, and ETAs issued by the TABs are recognised by both Parties for the purpose of this Agreement.

(c) Where a TAB receives a request for a ETA for a product not fully covered by a harmonised standard as in Article 21 (1) of Regulation (EU) No 305/2011, it shall inform EOTA and the Commission of the content of the request and of the reference to a relevant Commission legal act for assessment and verification of constancy of performance which the TAB intends to apply for that product, or of the lack of such a legal act.

(d) If the TABs do not agree upon the European Assessment Document within the time limits provided for, EOTA shall submit this matter to the Commission. In case of a disagreement involving a Swiss TAB, the Commission may consult the Swiss designating authority when it resolves a matter pursuant to Article 23 of Regulation (EU) No 305/2011.

(e) When Switzerland considers that a European Assessment Document does not entirely satisfy the requirements to be met in relation to the basic requirements for construction works set out in the legislation in Section I of this Chapter, the Swiss competent authority may ask the European Commission to act in accordance with the procedure in Article 25 of Regulation (EU) No 305/2011.

Switzerland may bring the matter before the Committee, giving its arguments. The Committee shall consider the case and may ask the European Union to act in accordance with the procedure provided for in Article 25 of Regulation (EU) No 305/2011.

5. Information exchanges

(a) In accordance with Article 9 of this Agreement, the Parties shall exchange information needed to ensure a proper implementation of this Chapter.

(b) Pursuant to Article 12 (3) of this Agreement, Member States and Switzerland shall designate Product Contact Points for Construction, which shall exchange relevant information upon request.

(c) Should Switzerland have regulatory needs, it may propose the adoption of provisions, in particular so as to determine essential characteristics for which the performance shall be declared, or as to establish classes of performance, threshold levels in relation to essential characteristics of construction products, or conditions under which construction products are deemed to satisfy a certain level or class or performance without testing, as in Article 3 and Article 27 of Regulation (EU) No 305/2011.

6. Market access and technical documentation

(a) For the purpose of this Chapter, the following definitions shall apply:
- importer: any natural or legal person established within the European Union or Switzerland who places a construction product from a third country on the European Union or the Swiss market,
- authorised representative: any natural or legal person established within the European Union or Switzerland who has received a written mandate from a manufacturer to act on his behalf in relation to specific tasks,
- distributor: any natural or legal person in the supply chain, other than the manufacturer or the importer who makes a construction product available on the European Union or on the Swiss market.

(b) Pursuant to the legislation in Section I of this Chapter, manufacturers and importers shall indicate on the construction product or, where that is not possible, on its packaging or in a document accompanying it, their name, registered trade name or trade mark and their contact address.
It shall be sufficient for manufacturers, their authorised representative or importers to keep the declaration of performance and the technical documentation at the disposal of national authorities for the period required by the legislation in Section I after the date of placing the product on either Party’s market.

 Manufacturers, their authorised representatives, or importers shall, further to a reasoned request from a competent national authority, provide it with all the information and documentation necessary to demonstrate the conformity of the construction product with the declaration of performance and its compliance with other applicable requirements in this Chapter in a language which can be easily understood by that authority. They shall cooperate with that authority, at its request, on any action taken to eliminate the risks posed by construction products which they have placed on the market.

7. **Exchange of experience**

Swiss national authorities may take part in the exchange of experience between the Member States’ national authorities referred to in Article 54 of Regulation (EU) No 305/2011.

8. **Coordination of designated notified bodies**

Swiss notified bodies may take part in the coordination and cooperation mechanisms provided for in Article 55 of Regulation (EU) No 305/2011, directly or by means of designated representatives.

9. **Procedure for dealing with construction products presenting a risk caused by non-compliance that is not restricted to their national territory**

Pursuant to Article 12(4) of this Agreement, where the market surveillance authorities of a Member State or Switzerland have taken action or have sufficient reasons to believe that, owing to a non-compliance with the provisions of the legislation referred to in Section I of this Chapter, a construction product presents a risk caused by non-compliance that they consider not restricted to their national territory, they shall inform each other and the European Commission without delay:

- of the results of the evaluation they have carried out and of the actions which they have required the relevant economic operator to take;
- where the relevant economic operator does not take adequate corrective action, of appropriate provisional measures taken to prohibit or restrict the making available of the construction product on their national market, to withdraw the construction product from that market or to recall it. This information shall include the details set out in Article 56 (5) of Regulation (EU) No 305/2011.

Member States or Switzerland shall inform without delay the European Commission and the other national authorities of any measures adopted and of any additional information at their disposal relating to the non-compliance of the construction product concerned.

Member States and Switzerland shall ensure that appropriate restrictive measures are taken without delay in respect of the construction product concerned, such as withdrawal of the construction product from their market.

10. **Safeguard procedure in case of objections against national measures**

Should Switzerland or a Member State disagree with the national measure in Paragraph 9 above, it shall inform the European Commission of its objections within 15 working days of receipt of the information.

Where, on completion of the procedure set out in Paragraph 9 above, objections are raised by a Member State or Switzerland against a measure taken by Switzerland or a Member State or where the Commission considers a national measure to be non-compliant with the relevant legislation referred to in Section I, the Commission shall, without delay, enter into consultation with the Member States, Switzerland and the relevant economic operator or operators. It shall evaluate the national measure, in order to determine whether the national measure is justified or not. If the national measure is considered:
justified, all Member States and Switzerland shall take the measures necessary to ensure that the non-compliant construction product is withdrawn from their markets, and shall inform the Commission accordingly.

unjustified, the Member State concerned or Switzerland shall withdraw it.

In both cases, a Party may forward the issue to the Committee, pursuant to Paragraph 12.

11. Compliant construction products which nevertheless present a risk to health and safety

Where a Member State or Switzerland finds that, although a construction product has been made available on the EU and on the Swiss market in compliance with the legislation referred to in Section I of this Chapter, the construction product presents a risk for the fulfilment of the basic requirements for construction works, to the health or safety of persons or to other aspects of public interest protection, it shall take all appropriate measures and immediately inform the Commission, other Member States and Switzerland. That information shall include all available details, in particular the data necessary for the identification of the construction product concerned, the origin and the supply chain of the product, the nature of the risk involved and the nature and duration of the national measures taken.

The Commission shall without delay enter into consultation with the Member States, Switzerland, and the relevant economic operator(s) and shall evaluate the national measures taken, in order to determine whether the national measure is justified or not.

A Party may forward the issue to the Committee, pursuant to Paragraph 12.

12. Safeguard clause in case of remaining disagreement between the Parties

In case of a disagreement between the Parties on measures at stake in Paragraph 10 and 11 above, the issue will be forwarded to the Committee, which will decide on an appropriate course of action, including the possibility to have an expert study carried out.

Where the Committee considers that the measure is:

(a) justified, the Parties shall take the measures necessary to ensure that the product is withdrawn from their market.

(b) unjustified, the national authority of the Member State or Switzerland shall withdraw it.

DECLARATION FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

In order to ensure the effective application and implementation of the Chapter on construction products in Annex 1 to the Agreement and in so far as Switzerland has adopted the relevant EU acquis or equivalent measures under the Chapter on construction products, the Commission will, in accordance with the Council Declaration on Swiss attendance of committees¹ and Article 100 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area, consult Swiss experts in the preparatory stages of draft measures to be submitted subsequently to the Committee established by Article 64 of Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 to assist the Commission in the exercise of its executive powers.

The Commission also notes that the Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to Article 64 of Regulation (EU) No 305/2011 may decide to invite Swiss experts to talk on particular matters, at the request of a member or on his or her own initiative, in particular in those matters of direct relevance to Switzerland.

CHAPTER 17
LIFTS

Section I
Legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions

Provisions covered by Article 1(2)

European Union

Switzerland
100. Federal Law of 12 June 2009 on product safety (RO 2010 2573)
101. Ordinance of 19 May 2010 on product safety (RO 2010 2583)
102. Ordinance of 23 June 1999 on the safety of lifts (RO 1999 1875), as last amended on 19 May 2010 (RO 2010 2583)

Section II
Conformity assessment bodies

The Committee established under Article 10 of this Agreement shall draw up and keep up to date, according to the procedure described in Article 11 of the Agreement, a list of the conformity assessment bodies.

Section III
Designating authorities

The Committee established under Article 10 of this Agreement shall draw up and keep up to date a list of the designating authorities notified by the Parties.

Section IV
Special rules relating to the designation of conformity assessment bodies

For the designation of conformity assessment bodies, the designating authorities shall comply with the general principles contained in Annex 2 to this Agreement and the assessment criteria set out in Annex VII to Directive 95/16/EC.

Section V
Supplementary provisions

1. Information exchange

In accordance with Article 8(3) of Directive 95/16/EC, the European Commission, the authorities listed in section III and the conformity assessment bodies recognised under this Agreement may, on request, obtain from the installer a copy of the declaration of conformity and reports of the tests carried out in the final inspection.

In accordance with Annex V, points A 5 and B 5 of Directive 95/16/EC, they may obtain from the conformity assessment body which has issued the type-examination certificate, a copy of the certificate and, on a reasoned request, a copy of the technical dossier and reports of examinations, calculations and tests carried out.

In accordance with Annex V, points A 7 and B 7 of Directive 95/16/EC, the conformity assessment bodies which have issued type-examination certificates must communicate to the Member States, Switzerland and the other conformity
assessment bodies the relevant information concerning the type-examination certificates they have issued or withdrawn.

In accordance with point 6 of Annexes VIII, IX, XII, XIII and XIV of Directive 95/16/EC, the conformity assessment bodies recognised under this Agreement must forward to the other conformity assessment bodies the relevant information concerning the quality assurance system approvals issued or withdrawn.

In the cases referred to in Article 8(2) (i), (ii) and (iii) of Directive 95/16/EC, the person responsible for the design of the lift must supply to the person responsible for the construction, installation and testing of the lift all necessary documents and information for the latter to be able to operate in absolute security.

2. Technical documentation

It shall be sufficient for manufacturer of a safety component, his authorised representative established in the Union or in Switzerland or, where neither of these is present, the person responsible for placing its safety components on the market to keep with the technical documentation a copy of the declaration of conformity and their additions (as the case may be) required by the national authorities for inspection purposes at their disposal in the territory of one of the Parties for at least ten years from the date on which the safety component was last manufactured.

It shall be sufficient for the installer of the lift to keep with the technical documentation a copy of the declaration of conformity and their additions and the final inspection certificate (if needed) for 10 years from the date on which the lift was placed on the market.

Where the installer is not established in the Union or in Switzerland, this obligation falls to the relevant notified body.

The Parties hereby undertake to forward all relevant technical documents at the request of the authorities of the other Party.

3. Market surveillance

The Parties shall notify each other of the authorities established on their territory responsible for carrying out the surveillance tasks involved in the implementation of their legislation as set out in Section I.

The Parties shall notify each other of their market surveillance activities within the bodies designated for this purpose.

CHAPTER 18
BIOCIDAL PRODUCTS

SCOPE AND COVERAGE

1. The provisions of this Sectoral Chapter apply to active substances, biocidal products, biocidal product families, and treated articles, as defined in Article 3 of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 concerning the making available on the market and use of biocidal products ("the Biocidal Products Regulation", hereinafter referred to as "BPR"), subject to the procedures of the BPR and equivalent Swiss provisions, with the exemption of:
   - biocidal products which are or which contain genetically modified micro-organisms, and
   - avicides, piscicides and biocides for control of other vertebrates.

2. Commission implementing acts pursuant to Article 9, 14(4) and 15(1) of the BPR regarding the approval of active substances, and delegated acts pursuant to Article 28(1) and 28(3) of the BPR, regarding the inclusion of active substances into Annex I of the BPR, are part of this Chapter.

3. Switzerland is free to limit access to its market according to the requirements of its legislation existing at the date of entry into force of this Chapter concerning:
   - biocidal products containing octylphenol or its ethoxylates; and
- aerosol dispensers containing substances stable in the air.

**SECTION I**  
Legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions

**Provisions covered by Article 1(2)**

**European Union**


**Switzerland**


101. Federal Law of 7 October 1983 relating to the protection of the Environment (RO 1984 1122), as last amended on 1 August 2010 (RO 2010 3233)

102. Ordinance of 18 May 2005 concerning the making available on the market and the use of biocidal products (Ordinance on Biocidal Products, RO 2005 2821), as last amended on 15.07.2014 (RO 2014 2073) (hereinafter "OPBio")


**SECTION II**  
Conformity assessment bodies

For the purposes of this Chapter, "Conformity Assessment Bodies" means the authorities of the European Union and competent authorities of EU Member States and of Switzerland responsible for the application of the legislation in Section I.

The contact details of the competent authorities of the Parties can be found on the websites indicated below.

**European Union**

Biocides:

- "Competent Authorities and other Contact Points"
  


**Switzerland**

Federal Office of Public Health, Notification Authority for Chemicals:  
[www.bag.admin.ch/biocide](http://www.bag.admin.ch/biocide)

**SECTION III**  
Supplementary provisions
1. **Amendments to legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions of Section I**

Without prejudice to Article 12(2) of this Agreement, the European Union shall notify Switzerland of implementing and delegated acts of the Commission under Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 adopted after 10.10.2014 without delay after their publication in the Official Journal of the European Union.

Switzerland shall notify the European Union without delay of the relevant amendments of the Swiss legislation.

2. **Procedures of the BPR and its implementing acts that apply between the Parties**

   a) For the purpose of this Chapter, the subsequently specified procedures of the BPR and of its delegated and implementing acts as referred to in Section I apply as common procedures to complement provisions deemed equivalent.

   In this Paragraph, a reference to "Member State(s)" or their competent authorities in articles of the BPR that "shall apply between the Parties" shall be understood to include, in addition to its meaning in the Regulation, Switzerland. For the purposes of this Chapter,

   - "Authorisation holders" and persons referred to in Article 95 of the BPR may be established within the European Union or Switzerland.
   - Applicants shall use the Register for Biocidal Products (hereinafter "Register") to submit applications and data for all procedures as foreseen in Article 71(3) of the BPR. Applicants do not need to be established within the European Union or Switzerland.

   The procedures of the BPR and the implementing and delegated acts listed below shall apply between the Parties:

   - Chapters II and III and Commission delegated Regulation (EU) No 1062/2014, as regards the approval of active substances. Applicants may propose the Swiss Competent authority as the evaluating competent authority.
   - Article 27 as regards biocidal products authorised according to the simplified procedure.
   - Articles 35-37 on objections and derogations.
   - Articles 43-46 on Union authorisations, with the following adaptations: when the Commission grants a biocidal product a Union authorisation or renews, amends, decides not to grant the Union authorisation, cancels, or refuses to renew the Union authorisation, Switzerland shall, notwithstanding legal recourse, take a decision within 30 days in accordance with Article 14a OPBio on granting, renewing, canceling or amending an authorisation for that product.
   - Articles 47-50 and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 354/2013 as regards the notification of adverse effects and rules on cancellation or amendments.
   - Article 53 on parallel trade.
   - Article 54 as regards the establishment of technical equivalence of active substances.
   - Articles 62-63 on data sharing. In case a request has been submitted to the Swiss competent authority, the applicant shall be re-directed to the Agency and enter its request into the Register.
   - Article 69(2) as regards the name and address of the authorisation holder and the authorisation number to be provided on labels.
   - Article 88 as regards measures taken on the basis of new evidence.
   - Article 95 (as in Regulation (EU) No 334/2014), with the transitional period in Article 95(2) up to 1 September 2016 for making the product available on the market of Switzerland.
b) If Switzerland intends to deviate from a decision taken pursuant to articles 36(3), 37(2), in the case of Union authorisations pursuant to articles 44(5), 46(4-5), 47-50, or decisions pursuant to article 88 of the BPR, or to adjust certain conditions specifically for its territory pursuant to article 12(2) OPBio, it may take appropriate measures and shall immediately inform the Commission, giving its reasons. Where relevant, the case will be forwarded to the Joint Committee, which will decide on an appropriate course of action.

3. Information exchange

In accordance with Article 9 of this Agreement, the Parties shall in particular exchange the information needed to coordinate the procedures under this Chapter as foreseen in Article 71 of the BPR.

Pursuant to Article 29(4) of the BPR, except in cases where Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 414/2013 applies, Switzerland shall decline the evaluation of the application if another competent authority is examining an application relating to the same biocidal product or has already authorised it.

The Parties agree that authorisations and other decisions relating to the application of this Chapter may be notified by the competent authorities directly to the applicant in the territory of the other Party.

Information shall be protected and treated by the competent authorities of the Parties in accordance with Articles 59, 64, 66, 67 of the BPR.

4. Financial contribution for services provided by the European Chemical Agency (ECHA)

(a) Switzerland shall contribute to the Agency expenditure for activities mentioned in this chapter by an annual financial contribution to be added to the EU subsidy mentioned in Article 78(1) of the BPR. This annual financial contribution will be calculated in accordance with its Gross Domestic Product (GDP) as a percentage of the GDP of all participating States in accordance with the formula described in Appendix 1. The annual contribution will be paid to the Agency based on a debit note issued by ECHA.

(b) The financial contribution referred to in Subparagraph (a) shall be incurred as from the day following the entry into force of this Decision. The first financial contribution shall be reduced proportionally to the remaining time in year after its entry into force.
Appendix 1

Financial contribution of Switzerland for services provided by the European Chemical Agency (ECHA)

1. The annual financial contribution of Switzerland to the subsidy mentioned in Article 78 of the BPR is calculated in the following way: The most updated final figures of the Gross Domestic Product (GDP) of Switzerland available on 31 March of each year shall be divided by the sum of the GDP figures of all the States participating in such activities, available for the same year. The obtained percentage will be applied to the subsidy from the Union referred to in Article 78(1)(a) of the BPR to obtain the amount of the financial contribution of Switzerland.

2. The financial contribution shall be paid in Euro.

3. Switzerland shall pay its financial contribution no later than 45 days after receiving the debit note. Any delay in payment shall give rise to the payment of default interest by Switzerland on the outstanding amount from the due date. The interest rate shall be the rate applied by the European Central Bank to its principal refinancing operations, as published in the C series of the Official Journal of the European Union, in force on the first calendar day of the month in which the deadline falls, increased by 1.5 percentage points.

4. Switzerland’s financial contribution shall be adapted in case the subsidy from the European Union entered in the general budget of the European Union as defined in Article 78(1)(a) BPR is increased pursuant to Articles 26, 27 or 41 of the Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 25 October 2012 on the financial rules applicable to the general budget of the Union and repealing Council Regulation (EC, Euratom) No 1605/2002. In this case, the difference shall be due 45 days after receiving the debit note.

5. In the event that the subsidy received by ECHA according to Article 78(1)(a) BPR related to a year N is not spent before 31 December of year N or that the ECHA budget of the year N has been lowered according to Articles 26, 27 or 41 of the Regulation (EU, Euratom) No 966/2012, the part of these unspent or lowered payment credits corresponding to the percentage of the contribution made by Switzerland is transferred to the budget of year N+1 of the agency. Switzerland’s contribution to the Agency subsidy of year N+1 will be reduced accordingly.
DECLARATION FROM THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION

In order to ensure the effective application and implementation of the Chapter on Biocidal products in Annex 1 to the Agreement and in so far as Switzerland has adopted the relevant EU acquis or equivalent measures under the Chapter on Biocidal products, the Commission will, in accordance with the Council Declaration on Swiss attendance of committees and Article 100 of the Agreement on the European Economic Area, consult Swiss experts in the preparatory stages of draft measures to be submitted subsequently to the Committee established by Article 82 of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 to assist the Commission in the exercise of its executive powers.

The Commission also notes that the Chairman of the Committee established pursuant to Article 82 of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 may decide to invite Swiss experts to talk on particular matters, at the request of a member or on his or her own initiative, in particular in those matters of direct relevance to Switzerland.

In addition, the Commission notes that Swiss experts are invited to participate in the group of Competent Authorities for the implementation of the Biocidal Products Regulation, which provides assistance to the Commission with the harmonised implementation of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 and, as appropriate, in the Committee referred to in Article 75 of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012 and in the Coordination Group referred to in Article 35 of Regulation (EU) No 528/2012, for the matters relevant to the Chapter on biocidal products.

CHAPTER 19
CABLEWAY INSTALLATIONS

Section I
Legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions

Provisions covered by Article 1(2)

European Union

Switzerland
Federal Law of 23 June 2006 on cableway installations designed to carry persons (RO 2006 5753), as last amended on 20 March 2009 (RO 2009 5597)

Ordinance of 21 December 2006 on cableway installations designed to carry persons (RO 2007 39), as last amended on 11 June 2010 (RO 2010 2749)

Section II
Conformity assessment bodies

The Committee established under Article 10 of this Agreement shall draw up and keep up to date, according to the procedure described in Article 11 of the Agreement, a list of the conformity assessment bodies.

Section III
Designating authorities

The Committee established under Article 10 of this Agreement shall draw up and keep up to date a list of the designating authorities notified by the Parties.

Section IV
Special rules relating to the designation of conformity assessment bodies

For the designation of conformity assessment bodies, the designating authorities shall comply with the general principles contained in Annex 2 to this Agreement and the assessment criteria set out in Annex VIII to Directive 2000/9/EC.

Section V
Supplementary provisions

1. Information exchange

In accordance with Articles 9 and 12 of this Agreement, the Parties shall exchange information needed to ensure a proper implementation of this Chapter.

The competent authorities in Switzerland and in the Member States as well as the European Commission shall in particular exchange the information referred to in Article 11 and Article 14 of Directive 2000/9/EC.

The conformity assessment bodies designated according to Section IV of this Annex shall exchange the information referred to in Annex V to Directive 2000/9/EC, as regards Module B points 7 and 8, Module D point 6, and Module H points 6 and 7.5.

2. Technical documentation
It shall be sufficient for manufacturers, their authorised representatives or the person responsible for placing products on the market to hold the technical documentation as required by Directive 2000/9/EC in the territory of one of the Parties.

The Parties hereby undertake to forward all relevant technical documents at the request of the authorities of the other Party.

3. Market surveillance

The Parties shall notify each other of the authorities established on their territory responsible for carrying out the surveillance tasks involved in the implementation of their legislation as set out in Section I.

The Parties shall notify each other of their market surveillance activities within the bodies designated for this purpose.

CHAPTER 20
EXPLOSIVES FOR CIVIL USE

Section I
Legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions

Provisions covered by Article 1 paragraph 2

European Union


Switzerland

100. Federal Act of 25 March 1977 on explosive substances (Explosives Act) as last amended on 12 June 2009 (RO 2010 2617)


Section II
Conformity assessment bodies

The Committee established under Article 10 of this Agreement shall draw up and keep up to date, according to the procedure described in Article 11 of the Agreement, a list of the conformity assessment bodies.

Section III
Designating authorities

1 This Chapter shall not apply to explosives intended for use, in accordance with national law, by the armed forces or the police, to pyrotechnical articles and to ammunition.
The Committee established under Article 10 of this Agreement shall draw up and keep up to date a list of the designating authorities notified by the Parties.

Section IV
Special rules relating to the designation of conformity assessment bodies

For the designation of conformity assessment bodies, the designating authorities shall comply with the general principles contained in Annex 2 to this Agreement and the assessment criteria set out in Article 6(2) of Directive 93/15/EEC and its Annex III.

Section V
Supplementary provisions

1. Identification of products

Both Parties shall ensure that undertakings in the explosives sector which manufacture or import explosives or assemble detonators shall mark explosives and each smallest packaging unit with a unique identification. Where an explosive is subject to further manufacturing processes, manufacturers shall not be required to mark the explosive with a new unique identification unless the original unique identification is no longer marked in compliance with Directive 2008/43/EC and/or the Explosives Ordinance.

The unique identification shall comprise the components prescribed in the Annex to Directive 2008/43/EC and Annex 14 to the Explosives Ordinance and shall be mutually recognised by both parties.

Each undertaking in the explosives sector and/or manufacturer shall be attributed a three-digit code by the Member State’s or Swiss national authority where it is established. This three-digit code shall be mutually recognised by both Parties if the manufacturing site or the manufacturer is located in the territory of one of the Parties.

2. Provisions governing the supervision of transfers between the European Union and Switzerland

1. Explosives covered by this Chapter may be transferred between the European Union and Switzerland only in accordance with the following paragraphs.

2. Controls performed pursuant to European Union law or national law in the event of transfers of the explosives governed by section V.2 shall solely be performed as part of the normal control procedures applied in a non-discriminatory fashion throughout the territory of the European Union or Switzerland.

3. Approval to transfer explosives shall be obtained by the consignee from the recipient competent authority. The competent authority shall verify that the consignee is legally authorised to acquire explosives and that he is in possession of the necessary licenses or authorisations. The person responsible for the transfer must notify the competent authorities of the transit Member State or Member States or Switzerland of movements of explosives through this or these States or Switzerland, whose approval shall be required.

4. Where a Member State or Switzerland considers that there is a problem regarding the verification of the entitlement to acquire explosives referred to in paragraph 3, that Member State or Switzerland shall forward the available information on the subject to the European Commission which will put the matter before the Committee provided for in Article 13 of Directive 93/15/EEC without delay. The European Commission shall inform Switzerland accordingly through the Committee established under Article 10 of this Agreement.

5. Where the recipient competent authority approves a transfer, it shall issue to the consignee a document which includes all the information referred to in paragraph 7. Such a document must accompany the explosives until they arrive at their stated destination. It must be produced at the request of the relevant competent authorities. A copy of this document shall be retained by the consignee who shall present it for examination by the recipient competent authority, at the latter’s request.
6. Where the competent authority of a Member State or Switzerland considers that special security requirements such as those referred to in paragraph 5 are unnecessary, explosives can be transferred on their territory or part thereof without prior provision of information within the meaning of paragraph 7. The recipient competent authority shall then grant an approval for a fixed period and liable to suspension or withdrawal at any time on the basis of a reasoned justification. The document referred to in paragraph 5, which must accompany the explosives until they arrive at their destination, shall refer solely to the abovementioned approval.

7. Where transfers of explosives must be specially supervised in order to comply with special security requirements in the territory or part of the territory of a Member State or Switzerland, prior to the transfer the following information shall be provided by the consignee to the recipient competent authority:

- the names and addresses of the operators concerned; this information must be detailed enough to enable the operators to be contacted and confirmation to be obtained that the persons in question are legally entitled to receive the consignment,
- the number and quantity of the explosives being transferred,
- a full description of the explosive in question and of the means of identification, including the United Nations identification number,
- where the explosives are to be placed on the market, information on compliance with conditions for placing on the market,
- the means of transfer and the itinerary,
- the expected dates of departure and arrival,
- where necessary, the precise points of entry to and exit from Member States or Switzerland.

Recipient competent authorities shall examine the conditions under which the transfer may take place, with particular regard to the special security requirements. If the special security requirements are satisfied, approval for the transfer shall be granted. In the event of transit through the territory of other Member States or Switzerland, those States or Switzerland shall likewise examine and approve, in the same conditions, the particulars concerning the transfer.

8. Without prejudice to the normal checks which the country of departure shall carry out in its territory, at the request of the competent authorities concerned, the consignees and the operators concerned in the explosives sector shall forward to the authorities of the country of departure and to those of country of transit all relevant information they possess concerning the transfer of explosives.

9. No supplier may transfer explosives unless the consignee has obtained the necessary authorisations for the transfer in accordance with the provisions of paragraphs 3, 5, 6 and 7.

10. For the purposes of implementing paragraph 4, where a measure provided for in Article 13 of Directive 93/15/EEC is adopted regarding products from Swiss undertakings in the explosives sector and/or Swiss manufacturers, it shall be communicated immediately to the Committee established under Article 10 of this Agreement.

If Switzerland disagrees with this measure, the application of the measure shall be deferred for three months from the date of communication. The Committee established under Article 10 of this Agreement shall hold consultations with a view to reaching a settlement. If a settlement is not reached within the period referred to in this paragraph, either Party may suspend the chapter in part or in full.

11. For the purposes of implementing paragraphs 5 and 6, the provisions of Decision 2004/388/EC shall apply.

3. Information exchange
In accordance with the general provisions of this Agreement, the Member States and Switzerland shall keep at each other’s disposal any relevant information needed to ensure a proper implementation of Directive 2008/43/EC.

4. Location of the manufacturer

For the purpose of this Chapter, it shall be sufficient that the undertaking in the explosives sector, the manufacturer, an authorised representative or, where neither of these is present, the person responsible for placing the product on the market, is established in the territory of one of the Parties.
ANNEX 2
GENERAL RULES REGARDING THE DESIGNATION OF
CONFORMITY ASSESSMENT BODIES

A. General terms and conditions

1. Under this Agreement, the designating authorities shall remain solely responsible for the competence and the capacity of the bodies they have designated and shall designate only legally identifiable bodies under their jurisdiction.

2. Designating authorities shall designate conformity assessment bodies able to demonstrate by objective means that they understand and have the requisite experience and competence to apply the requirements and certification procedures laid down in the legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions referred to in Annex I, that are applicable to the specific product, product category or sector for which they are designated.

3. Demonstration of technical competence shall cover:

   - the conformity assessment body's technical knowledge of the relevant products, processes or services which it is willing to treat;

   - the understanding of the technical standards and/or legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions for which designation is sought;

   - the physical capability to perform a given conformity assessment activity;

   - the adequate management of the activity concerned; and

   - any other circumstance necessary to give assurance that the conformity assessment activity will be adequately performed at all times.

4. The technical competence criteria shall be based as far as possible on internationally accepted documents, such as the EN 45000 series of standards or equivalents as well as on supplemented interpretative documents as appropriate. However these documents clearly need to be interpreted in such a way as to take account of the different types of requirements laid down in the applicable legislative, regulatory and administrative provisions.

5. The Parties shall encourage harmonisation of designation procedures and coordination of conformity assessment procedures through cooperation between designating authorities and conformity assessment bodies based on coordination meetings, participation in mutual recognition arrangements, and ad hoc working party meetings. The Parties shall also encourage accreditation bodies to participate in mutual recognition arrangements.

B. System for verification of conformity assessment bodies' competence

6. In order to verify the technical competence of conformity assessment bodies, the authorities concerned may use various procedures ensuring an appropriate level of trust between the Parties. If necessary, a Party shall indicate to the designating authority possible ways of demonstrating competence.

   (a) Accreditation
Accreditation shall constitute a presumption of the technical competence of conformity assessment bodies in relation to the application of the requirements of the other Party provided that the competent accreditation body:

- complies with the relevant international provisions in force (EN 45000 standards or ISO/IEC guides); and

- is signatory to multilateral arrangements under which it is subject to peer evaluation, or

- takes part, under the authority of a Designating Authority, and in accordance with whatever conditions are decided on, in programmes to conduct comparisons and exchange technical experience, in the interests of ensuring continued trust in the technical competence of the accreditation and conformity-assessment bodies. Such programmes could include joint evaluations, special cooperation exercises or conformity assessment.

Where the criteria applicable to conformity assessment bodies require the latter to assess the conformity of products, processes or services directly to standards or technical specifications, the designating authorities may use accreditation as a presumption of the conformity assessment body's technical competence provided that it enables assessment of those bodies' ability to apply such standards or technical specifications. Designation shall be limited to those activities of the conformity assessment body.

Where the criteria applicable to conformity assessment bodies require the latter to assess the conformity of products, processes or services not directly to standards or technical specifications, but to general (essential) requirements, the designating authorities may use accreditation as a presumption of the conformity assessment body's technical competence provided that it incorporates elements which will enable assessment of the capacity of the conformity assessment body (technical knowledge of the product, of its use, etc.) to assess the conformity of the product to those essential requirements. Designation shall be limited to those activities of the conformity assessment body.

(b) Other means

If there is no accreditation scheme, or on other grounds, the authorities concerned shall require the conformity assessment bodies to demonstrate their competence by other means, e.g.:

- participation in regional or international mutual recognition arrangements or certification systems;

- regular peer evaluation, based on clear criteria and conducted with the appropriate expertise;

- aptitude tests; or

- comparison of conformity assessment bodies.

C. Evaluation of the verification system

7. Once a verification system to evaluate the competence of conformity assessment bodies has been defined, the other Party will be invited to check that the system guarantees the conformity of the designation process to its own legal requirements. Such checks shall focus on the appropriateness and effectiveness of the verification system rather than on the conformity assessment bodies themselves.

D. Formal designation

8. When the Parties submit their proposals to the Committee on the inclusion of conformity assessment bodies in the Annexes, they shall provide the following details in respect of each body:
(a) its name;

(b) its postal address;

(c) its fax number;

(d) the Sectoral Chapter, product categories or products, processes and services covered by the designation;

(e) the conformity assessment procedures covered by the designation;

(f) the methods used to establish the body's competence.