

Council for Trade in Services

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NOTIFICATION PURSUANT TO ARTICLE VII.4 OF THE GENERAL  
AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES

The following notification has been received from the delegation of Switzerland.

1. **Member notifying:**

Switzerland

Federal measure

2. **Notification under Article(s):**

GATS Article VII, paragraph 4 (Recognition)

3. **Date of entry into force:**

1 April 1980

**Duration:**

Indefinite

4. **Agency responsible for enforcement of the measure:**

Federal Institute for Intellectual Property

5. **Complete description of the measure:**

Measure:

Article 8 of the Treaty between the Swiss Confederation and the Principality of Liechtenstein on Patent Protection, concluded on 22 December 1978 (Patent Treaty) (RS 0.232.149.514.0).

Description

By virtue of this Treaty, Switzerland and the Principality of Liechtenstein constitute a unitary territory of protection for the purposes of patent law (in other words Swiss legislation also applies in the Principality of Liechtenstein). Under Article 8 of the Patent Treaty, natural or legal persons having their principal place of business or domicile in the Principality of Liechtenstein may be appointed as agents in procedures before the Federal Institute for Intellectual Property, provided they are authorized under Liechtenstein law to act as professional representatives in respect of patents. Article 8 of the Patent Treaty constitutes an exception to Article 9 of the Ordinance on Patents for Inventions (Ordinance on Patents) (RS 232.141), under which only natural or legal persons domiciled in Switzerland may be appointed as agents to the Federal Institute for Intellectual Property.

**6. Members specifically affected, if any:**

Principality of Liechtenstein

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