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**Notification to the Parties and Signatories to the Agricultural Agreement  
between the South African Customs Union States (SACU) and Switzerland  
concluded in Geneva, Gaborone and Pretoria on 1 July, 14 July and 7 August 2006**

***I. Ratification by Switzerland***

On 10 April 2007, Switzerland deposited its instrument of ratification to the Agricultural Agreement between the South African Customs Union States (SACU) and Switzerland, concluded in Geneva, Gaborone and Pretoria on 1 July, 14 July and 7 August 2006.

The Agreement has not yet entered into force.

***II. Communication from the Depositary***

According to its article 8, the Agreement is subject to ratification, acceptance or approval in accordance with the respective constitutional requirements of the Parties and will enter into force on the same date as the Free Trade Agreement between the EFTA States and the SACU States, concluded on 26 June 2006.

In order to allow a simultaneous entry into force of both the Agricultural and the Free Trade Agreements, each Signatory of the Agricultural Agreement (Republic of Botswana, Kingdom of Lesotho, Republic of Namibia, Republic of South Africa, Kingdom of Swaziland and Switzerland) wishing to be bound by it, is invited to transmit to the Swiss Depositary an instrument of ratification, acceptance or approval – separate from the instrument to be transmitted to the Norwegian depositary of the Free Trade Agreement.

The Swiss Federal Council makes the present notification in its capacity as Depositary ([www.eda.admin.ch/depositary](http://www.eda.admin.ch/depositary)), according to article 7 paragraph 3 of the Agreement.

Berne, 12 April 2007

