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To the Secretary of the International Treaty
On Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture
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Subject: Notification regarding the contribution of Switzerland to the Multilateral System

Dear Mr. Bhatti,

The International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture (the Treaty) has established a Multilateral System of Access and Benefit-sharing.

Regarding the coverage of the Multilateral System, Article 11 specifies that the Multilateral System shall include all plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in *Annex I* that are under the management and control of the Contracting Parties and in the public domain, and that Contracting Parties invite other holders of the plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in *Annex I* to include these in the Multilateral System.

Herewith, Switzerland wishes to notify to you that the following plant genetic resources for food and agriculture listed in *Annex I* as well as non-*Annex I* crops and maintained in Switzerland have been included in the Multilateral System.

- The collections held by the National Genebank of Switzerland, Agroscope Changins-Wädenswil Research Station, Nyon.
- The accessions held by different private and public organisations (see appendix 1 to this letter)

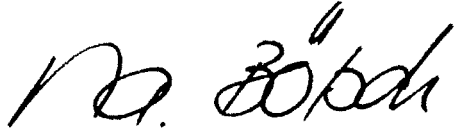
Through the website www.bdn.ch and precisely http://www.bdn.ch/lists/list_content?id=383 detailed data on the composition of the collection and the holders are readily available.

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Germplasm held in the collections listed above will be made available to users under the conditions of the Standard Material Transfer Agreement of the International Treaty on Plant Genetic Resources for Food and Agriculture.

Yours sincerely,

Federal Office for Agriculture FOAG

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Bötsch', written in a cursive style.

Manfred Bötsch
Director General

Appendix 1

Public and private institutions and organizations which included genetic resources in the Multilateral System

Code	Organisation	Locality	Accessions
CHE001	Station de recherche Agroscope Changins-Wädenswil	Nyon	10110
CHE002	Forschungsanstalt Agroscope Reckenholz-Tänikon	Zürich	161
CHE006	Association de l'Arboretum du Vallon de l'Aubonne	Aubonne	225
CHE019	Station de recherche Agroscope Changins-Wädenswil	Pully	986
CHE063	ProSpecieRara	Aarau	5337
CHE065	FRUCTUS, Association Suisse pour la Sauvegarde du Patrimoine Fruitier	Wädenswil	1192
CHE066	Retropomme	Neuchâtel	82
CHE087	Forum Doracher	Zeihen	496
CHE088	Landwirtschaftliches Zentrum SG	St. Gallen	254
CHE089	Obstgarten-Aktion Schaffhausen	Schaffhausen	58
CHE090	Verein Obstsortensammlung Roggwil	Roggwil	3787
CHE092	Inforama FOB	Zollikofen	828
CHE095	Verein Rheintaler Ribelmais	Salez	39
CHE100	Sortengarten Erschmatt	Erschmatt	36
CHE101	Privatsammlung Marcel Aeberhard	Bern	86
CHE104	Zürcher Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften	Winterthur	1299
CHE109	Landwirtschaftliches Zentrum St. Gallen, Fachstelle Weinbau	Salez	531