

## **Instruction Note**

## **Amendment to the Regulation on the Disclosure of Prices**

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The following provision has been included in Article four of the „Regulation on the Disclosure of Prices (PBV)“:

### **Public charges, advance disposal contributions, allowances:**

**Apportioned public charges as well as advance disposal fees must be included in the retail price.**

Consequently with effect from 1 June 2005, the retail trade (sale for private use) must include the ARF (advance recycling fee) of the SWICO Recycling Guarantee in the sales prices.

The transitional period up to 1 June 2005 has been granted so that price tags in the sales outlets and the appropriate IT support can be adjusted accordingly.

With effect from 1 June 2004 up to the coming into force of the amended Article 4, sub-section 1, the advance disposal contributions that are not included in the retail price are to be clearly stated separately in shops, shop windows and in advertisements.

The regulation does not result in any changes to the way importers/manufacturers invoice the trade because the PBV merely refers to sales to end customers for private use (B to C).

With effect from 1 June 2005 importers/ manufacturers will, as was previously the case, provide the trade with invoices that openly state the ARF, or provide a notice stating that the ARF is included in the prices for the trade.

The retail trade will incorporate the ARF in the sales prices for private end consumers. It may, of course, state – which is desirable – that the ARF (or an ARF of CHF XX.XX) is included in the price.