

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE FEDERAL DEPARTMENT OF
ECONOMIC AFFAIRS, EDUCATION AND RESEARCH
OF THE SWISS CONFEDERATION AND
THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE OF
THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA
ON CONCLUDING THE NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE
ENHANCEMENT OF THE SWITZERLAND - CHINA
FREE TRADE AGREEMENT**

The Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research of the Swiss Confederation and the Ministry of Commerce of the People’s Republic of China (hereinafter referred to as the “Signatories”):

RECOGNIZING the positive impact of *the Free Trade Agreement between the Swiss Confederation and the People’s Republic of China* (hereinafter referred to as the “Switzerland - China FTA”), which was signed in Beijing, China on 6 July 2013, and entered into force on 1 July 2014, on strengthening bilateral economic and trade cooperation;

RECALLING *the Memorandum of Understanding between the Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research of the Swiss Confederation and the Ministry of Commerce of the People’s Republic of China on the Enhancement of the Switzerland - China Free Trade Agreement* signed in Bern, Switzerland on 16 January 2017, during the state visit by Chinese President Xi Jinping to Switzerland;

RECALLING *the Joint Statement between the Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research of the Swiss Confederation and the Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China on Strengthening Cooperation* signed in Bern, Switzerland on 15 January 2024, during the visit by Chinese Premier Li Qiang to Switzerland;

RECALLING the official launch of the Switzerland – China FTA Enhancement Negotiations in September 2024;

RESOLVED to further strengthen bilateral economic and trade cooperation, and to build on and expand mutually beneficial outcomes for both countries;

Have reached the following understanding:

The Signatories have concluded the negotiations on the Enhancement of the Switzerland - China FTA, and intend to expedite the completion of the remaining technical work and legal review, with the aim of signing the Protocol on the Enhancement of the Switzerland - China FTA as soon as possible, in accordance with their respective internal procedures.

The Signatories underline that the conclusion of the negotiations on the Enhancement of the Switzerland - China FTA demonstrates their firm support for the WTO-centered, rules-based multilateral trading system, and that the enhanced FTA aims at strengthening trade and investment cooperation between the two countries.

Signed in duplicate in Bern on the twentieth day of August in the year 2026 in the Chinese, French and English languages, all three texts being equally authentic.

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