

## SWITZERLAND

Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Removal goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Original Customs form 18.44 for removal goods.</li> <li><b>Inventory of the goods translated in one of the official languages; French, German or Italian, even if English is accepted by most customs offices</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Swiss citizen:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of passport.</li> <li>Registration in the cantonal office of the population <b>showing show the date of arrival and of departure of Switzerland</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Foreigners:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Copy of passport.</li> <li>Swiss residence permit (or equivalent official certificate) in French.</li> <li>Lease or property title of the new apartment or house in Switzerland.</li> </ul>	Duty free entry provided : <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The shipper has used the goods for at least 6 months prior to change of residence.</li> <li>Removal has to take place within one year after the change of residence.</li> </ul>	Your destination agent will provide customs forms. Copies are not accepted.  Subsequent shipments are possible but have to be declared (with inventory) when clearing the first shipment.
Diplomats' removals	Application for free entry on form 14.60 to be made by Embassy to the Customs Office of importation as requested.	Application for free entry on form 14.60 to be made by Embassy to the Customs Office of the Canton which will provide authorisation for diplomatic clearance to the Customs Office of importation as requested.	Customs form on file with most foreign Embassies and Consulates.
Wedding trousseaux	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Customs form 18.45.</li> <li>Inventory of the goods.</li> <li>Marriage certificate.</li> <li>Residence permit for both partners.</li> </ul>	Duty free entry provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Items will be used for another 12 months.</li> <li>Shipment has to take place within 3 months of the civil marriage.</li> </ul>	If used articles only are imported: Clearance as "removal goods" with documents as stipulated above.
Inheritance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Customs form 18.46.</li> <li>Inventory of the goods with supporting legal declaration confirming that the goods to be imported are the legatee's rightful shares of the estate.</li> </ul>	Duty free entry provided: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legatee has residence in Switzerland at the time of death and at the time of import.</li> <li>Only used household goods and effects can be imported duty-free as inheritance goods</li> </ul>	If value of shipment is less than SFr.1.000.- documents can be submitted at time of clearance. For all other shipments a previous application to the Customs Authorities must be made.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Certificate of death or equivalent document confirming the last residence of the deceased.</li> <li>• Swiss residence permit of the legatee.</li> </ul>		
New furniture and household goods	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invoice.</li> <li>• Forms EURO 1 certificate of origin where applicable, to allow duty-free entry (EEC/EFTA-countries) or entry at reduced rates from some other countries.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All new items are subject to duties and taxes payment.</li> <li>• Duty is charged on the weight.</li> <li>• Taxes: VAT is charged at 7.5 %.</li> <li>• As from January 2001, VAT will be at 7,6 %.</li> </ul>	Must be declared separately according to customs tariff headings. Individual weights on invoice or packing list are helpful.
Works of art	<p><b>Inventory list showing the art work:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>name</b></li> <li>• <b>year of production</b></li> <li>• <b>author/artist</b></li> <li>• <b>value (if possible)</b></li> </ul> <p><b>No taxes will be applied but information is required for statistical data only.</b></p>	Duty free without special documents if part of a removal.	If not part of a removal, same as under New furniture, but duty and tax-free when imported by the artist himself.
Antiques	See Works of art. If not part of a removal: - invoice with confirmation that they are over 100 years old.	Antiques can be imported duty free but are liable to taxes, see under New furniture.	
Motor vehicles (cars, boats, planes etc)	Foreign registration card.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The owner must have used the motor vehicle at least 6 months before change of residence.</li> <li>• The owner must sign a declaration not to sell the vehicle within the 12 months following the change of residence.</li> </ul>	If the vehicle sold before, duty and taxes will be levied.
Alcoholic beverages: wine, beer etc.	To be declared on separate inventory.	Duty free if part of removal and in a reasonable quantity appropriate to the situation of the owner. Reasonable is considered to be up to approx 200 litres max. Higher limit might be accepted with supporting documents to prove that the wine has been in the owner's possession for considerable time before the move. Check in advance with a Swiss colleague.	To be loaded to allow easy access for inspection. If bought especially for export and not in owners possession prior to the move, dutiable, and maybe subject to import quotas.

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Strong liquor (over 25% proof)	Must be declared on separate inventory.	Duty free up to 12 litres.	For additional quantity very heavy duty and taxes are applied (over SFr.50.- per bottle).
Firearms	Exact description on inventory make, model, calibre etc.	Some require import permit to be obtained from Federal Authorities in Bern, others not, depending on the exact type.	To be loaded to allow easy access for customs inspection.
Plants	None, if in reasonable quantity together with removal, plant health certificate helpful.	If not together with removal or large quantities, health certificate necessary.	
Pets (dogs, cats, birds)	Health & vaccination certificate showing that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies, issued not less than 30 days and no more than 1 year ago.		<p><b>Depending on the origin country, pets must have a blood test and result before departure. Another blood test may be required at destination by the veterinary office.</b></p> <p><b>To receive of the list of known with urban rabies risks, please contact your agent in Switzerland.</b></p>
Export removals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Export declaration form 11.030</li> <li>Inventory in duplicate.</li> </ul>		Export declaration can be supplied and completed by a Swiss colleague.
<b>Wood packaging</b>			<p><b>Effective January 2006, the standard NIMP15 is obligatory for imported wooden packaging.</b></p> <p><b>Controls are carried out by the Federal Plant Health Service on goods from China, Korea, Japan, Taiwan, USA, Canada and Mexico. The ordinance on the protection of the plants envisages repression, reconditioning or destruction of the non-conforming goods.</b></p>



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