

Clearing Swiss Customs without Delay



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Switzerland has manifold relations world-wide. Therefore, we aim at keeping the Swiss borders open for you.

When entering our country you can contribute to a clearance without delay by

- keeping your valid travel documents ready, and,
 - declaring dutiable goods.
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If you have nothing to declare you may

- follow the green path e.g. at airports, or,
- display the green sign «nothing to declare» printed overleaf on the dashboard of your car.



Thank you for your co-operation.

DUTY- AND TAX-FREE

- Duty-free exemptions and limits apply only to private goods which you import personally and which are intended for your personal use or to be gifts.
- Exemptions and limits are granted once a day only.

Duty- and tax-free are the following:



PERSONAL EFFECTS

Used personal effects¹⁾ such as:

- clothing, underwear, toilet articles,
- sports gear, photo and film cameras, camcorders, portable computers, musical instruments, and other articles for general use.

¹⁾ Such as items which travellers living in Switzerland took along when going abroad or travellers living abroad use during their stay in Switzerland and take back when leaving.



PROVISIONS

Foodstuff ready to eat and non-alcoholic beverages for the day of travelling.

TOBACCOS AND SPIRITS



These limits apply only to persons older than 17 years.

Tobaccos

- cigarettes 200 *or*
- cigars 50 *or*
- pipe-tobacco 250 grams

Alcoholic Beverages

1. below 15% vol. 2 litres and
2. more than 15% vol. 1 litre

OTHER GOODS



For other private goods there is a total value limit of **SFr. 300.-**.

If the total value of the goods carried along exceeds SFr. 300.-, then all goods become dutiable. Any cumulating of this value limit for several persons travelling together is excluded.

This limit does not apply to sensitive agricultural products such as meat and meat products, dairy products, oils and fats exceeding a certain maximum amount.²⁾

²⁾ See leaflet form 18.52, Import of Foodstuff and Spirits.

DUTIES AND TAXES

Private goods are generally duty- and tax-free (exceptions: alcoholic beverages, tobaccos and sensitive agricultural products). Yet, a VAT of 2.4%, respectively of 7.6% of the value of the goods has to be paid.

➔ Showing the sales slips certainly helps clearing customs.

THE EASIER WAY



With the green declaration sign you declare that you and all persons travelling with you have valid papers to cross borders and only carry goods within the exemptions and limits.

The green declaration sign is binding and customs officers can carry out checks without asking.

ENTERING AND STAYING IN SWITZERLAND

Additional information on entering and staying in Switzerland (regulations on documents and visa) can be obtained at the website of: Swiss Federal Aliens Office, 3003 Bern-Wabern (tel. ++41(0)31 325 95 11, fax ++41(0)31 325 96 51) at www.bfa.admin.ch

INFORMATION

District Directorates of Swiss Customs

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Basle	++41(0)61 287 11 11	kdbs.zentrale@ezv.admin.ch
Schaffhausen	++41(0)52 633 11 11	kdsh.zentrale@ezv.admin.ch
Geneva	++41(0)22 747 72 72	kdge.zentrale@ezv.admin.ch
Lugano	++41(0)91 910 48 11	kdti.zentrale@ezv.admin.ch

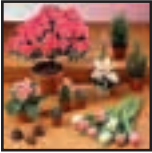
Or simply inquire at any customs office or border guard post.



HAVE A PLEASANT JOURNEY

LEAFLETS

The following leaflets with additional important information on crossing the border are available:



- Plants and Fruit



- Pets



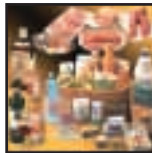
- Private Car Import



- Weapons and Ammunition



- Motorway Vignette



- Import of Foodstuffs and Alcoholic Beverages

These leaflets are available at any customs office or at the district directorates.
