

Switzerland *Customs Information*

Prohibited and Restricted Goods

Drugs and narcotics are prohibited.

There are restrictions on importation of:

- firearms,
- ammunition,
- ivory, skins and
- food

Customs Regulations

Household goods can be imported duty free providing that:

- All items (incl. car, aircraft or boat) have been in the use and possession of the immigrant for at least 6 months
- The immigrant continues to keep all items for his own and personal use (motor vehicle for at least one year).
- The importation takes place during the 1-year period of transfer of the residence.
- Any foreseen subsequent consignment must be reported and listed at the time of the first importation.

- Up to 200 litres of alcohol below 25 ° can be imported duty and tax-free and a maximum of 12 litres for alcohol over 25 °.

Required documentation to be supplied prior to importation:

- ✓ Immigrants personal customs declaration (Customs form 18.44).
- ✓ Detailed inventory of the goods (in French, German or Italian).
 New items must be Listed and valued separately on the inventory.
- ✓ Photostat copy of the passports basic data.
- ✓ Lease or property title of the residence in Switzerland.
- ✓ The Swiss residence permit (or equivalent official certificate).
- ✓ Copy of the registration card and licence of motor vehicle.

Vehicles

- **Cars** must have been owned (not just used) for six months preceding importation and must not be sold for twelve months following importation into Switzerland.
- **Cars** may be imported duty free provided that the owner has used them for at least 6 months overseas.
- New cars are subject to VAT, duty and statistical tax.

Pets

- Dogs and cats do not require quarantine provided that they have been vaccinated against rabies at least 30 days before.
- A certificate to this effect must be produced together with a copy of the passport.
 - Under certain circumstances, when these documents cannot all be met at the time the shipment is being cleared, it is possible to obtain a temporary entry.
 - In such cases it is required to put up a bond with Swiss customs for as long as the entry is not finalised.
 - The missing document has be presented within 6 months.
 - Please note that customs will charge additional cost for the temporary clearance, around SFr.100.00-300.00.

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