

# Switzerland

Goods	Documents required	Customs Prescriptions	Remarks
Removal goods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customs form 18.44 for removal goods.</li> <li>• Inventory of the goods.</li> <li>• Swiss residence permit (or equivalent official certificate)</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>• Goods have been used by owner for at least 6 months prior to change of residence.</li> <li>• Removal has to take place within a reasonable period after the change of residence.</li> </ul>	Customs forms will be provided by your destination agent. Subsequent shipments are possible but have to be declared (with inventory) when clearing the first shipment.
Diplomats' removals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Customs form 14.60</li> </ul>	Application for free entry on form 14.60 to be made by Embassy to the Customs Office in Bern who will pass authorization 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 after the civil marriage.</li> </ul>	If only used articles are imported clearance can also be made as removal goods with documents as 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 share of the estate.</li> <li>• Certificate of death or equivalent document confirming the last residence of the deceased.</li> <li>• Swiss residence permit of the legatee.</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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New furniture and household goods.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Invoice</li> <li>• Forms EUR 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 liable to pay duty and taxes.</li> <li>• Duty is charged on the weight</li> <li>• Taxes :</li> </ul> <p>From 1.1.95 the tax will be 6.5 % for all kinds of merchandise.</p>	Must be declared separately according to customs tariff headings. Individual weights on invoice or packing list are helpful.
Works of art.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• None, if part of removal.</li> </ul>	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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. See Works of art.</li> <li>2. If not part of a removal : -invoice with confirmation that they are over 100 years old.</li> </ol>	Antiques can be imported duty free but are liable to taxes, see under New furniture.	
Motor vehicles (cars, boats, planes etc)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Foreign registration card.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The motor vehicle must have been used by the owner at least 6 months before change of residence.</li> <li>• The owner must sign a declaration not to sell the vehicle for another 12 months.</li> </ul>	If sold before, duty and taxes will be levied.
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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 owners 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.
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.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Exact description on inventory make, model, caliber etc.</li> </ul>	Some require import permit to be obtained from Federal Authorities in Bern. Others not, depending on 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).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Health &amp; vaccination certificate showing that the animal has been vaccinated against rabies, issued not less than 30 days and no more than 1 year ago.</li> </ul>		
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.