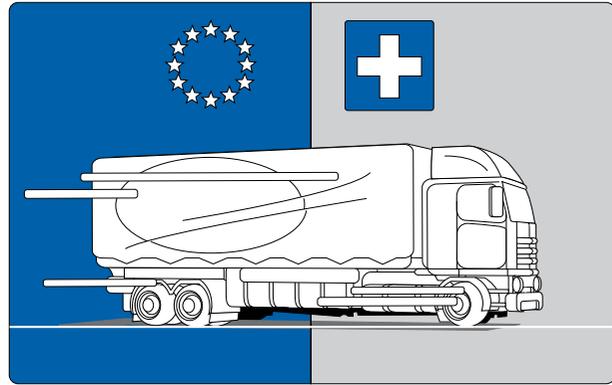
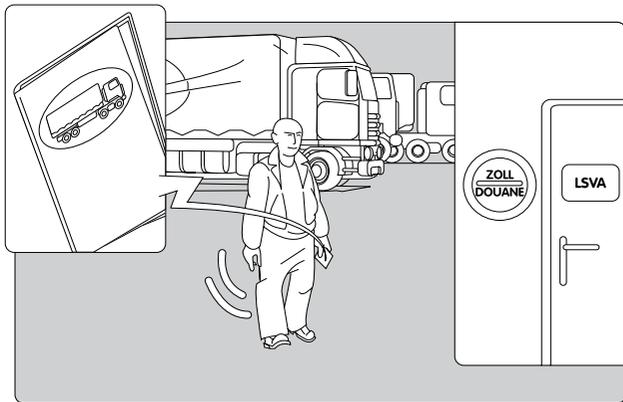


1. Registering the towing vehicle



1. Entering Switzerland with a towing vehicle which is **not yet registered**.



2. Take the towing vehicle's logbook to the customs desk.

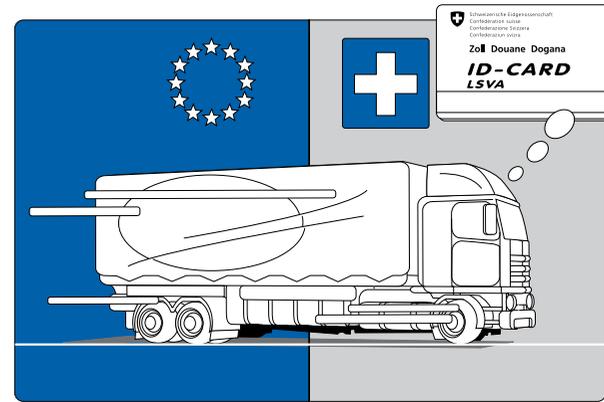


3. The customs official registers the towing vehicle with your assistance.

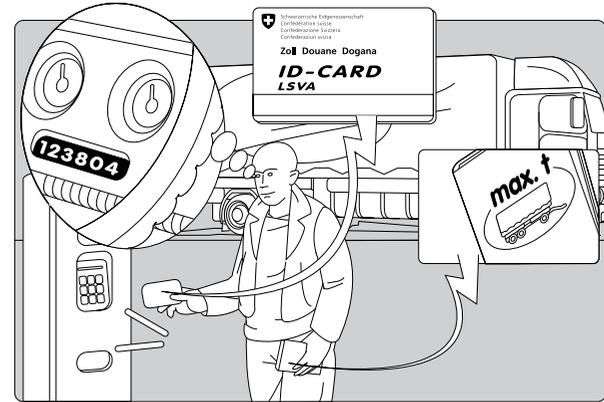


4. The customs official gives you the ID-card for your towing vehicle. Take the ID-card to the HVF clearance terminal and declare your journey (see chapter 2. Making a declaration).

2. Making a declaration

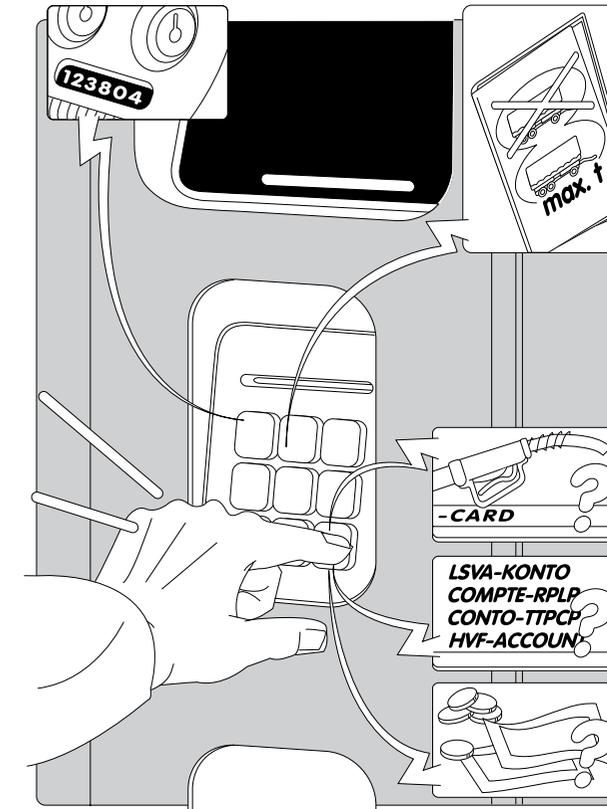


1. Entering Switzerland with a registered towing vehicle. **The ID-card has already been issued.**



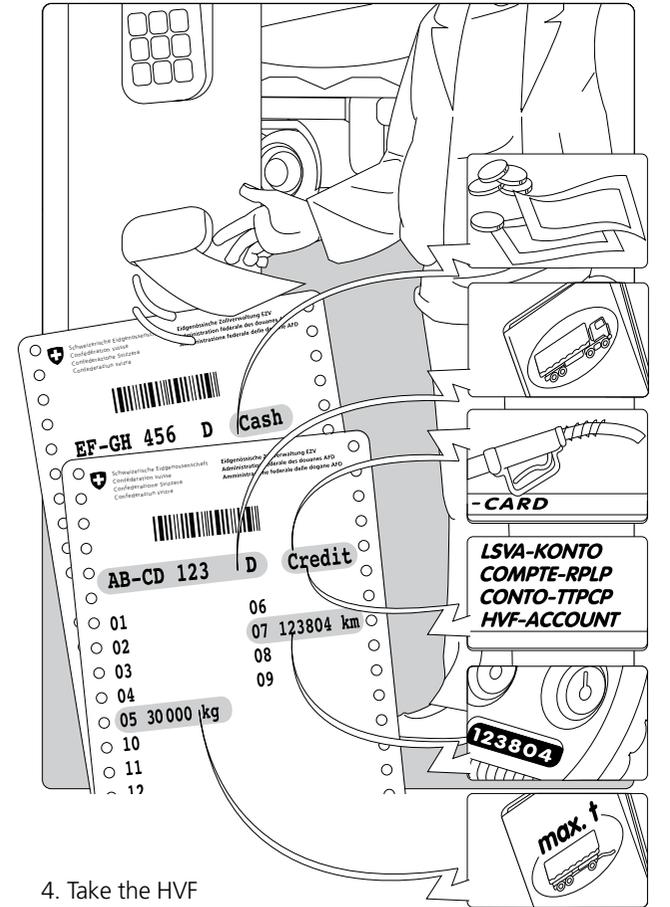
2. Take note of the mileage on your towing vehicle and the maximum permitted total weight (max. t) of your trailer. Go to the HVF clearance terminal.

NB: Wrong data can have penal consequences!



3. Insert the ID-card in the terminal. Select the required language and enter the requested data:

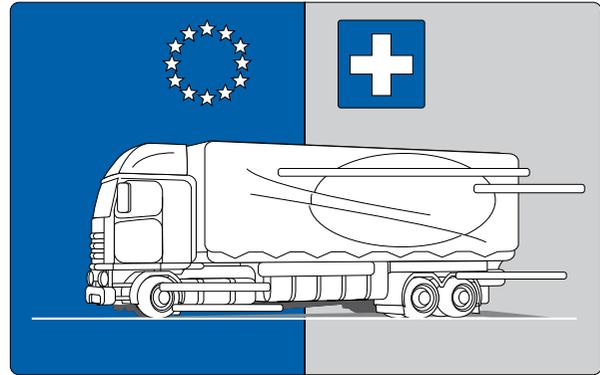
- current mileage on the towing vehicle
- trailer «Yes» or «No»
- if «Yes»: **maximum permitted total weight (max. t) of the trailer**
- method of payment: with fuel card, debit HVF account (if available), or in cash



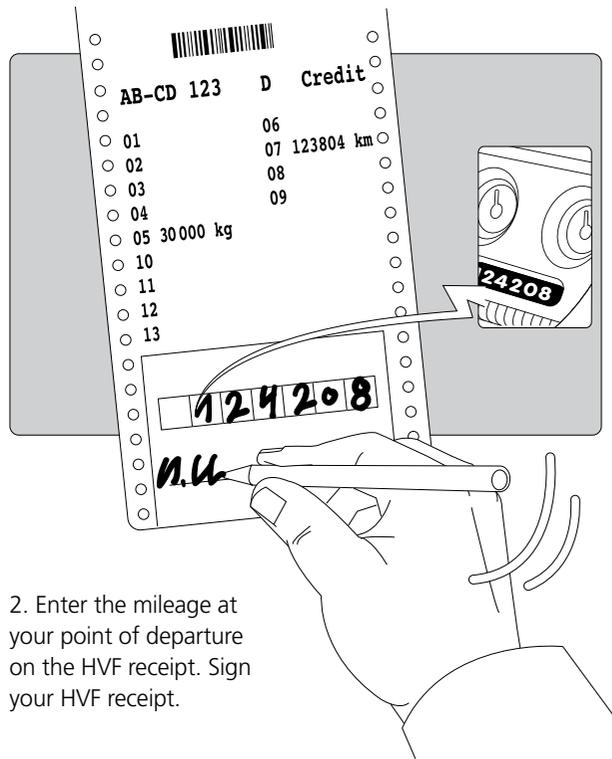
4. Take the HVF receipt from the terminal. Retain the HVF receipt until you leave Switzerland. The receipt includes the following information:

- method of payment
- number plate and nationality plate of the towing vehicle
- mileage on the towing vehicle when entering Switzerland
- maximum permitted total weight (max. t) of the trailer

3. Paying the HVF



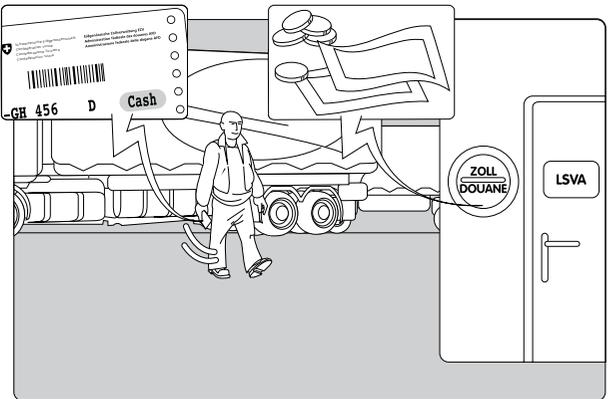
1. You leave Switzerland with your vehicle.



2. Enter the mileage at your point of departure on the HVF receipt. Sign your HVF receipt.



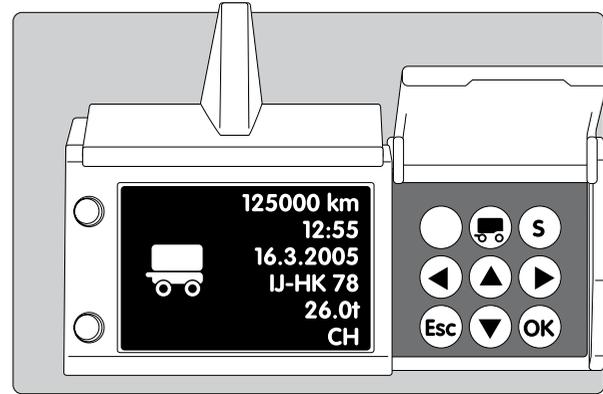
3. **HVF receipt – «Credit»:** You pay the HVF with your fuel card or debit an HVF account. Hand over your completed and signed HVF receipt to the customs official. After customs clearance you can leave Switzerland.



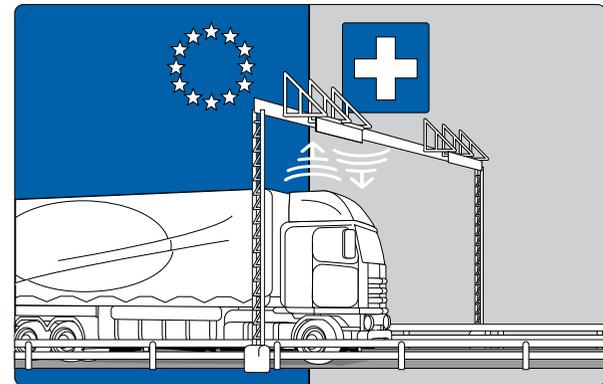
4. **HVF receipt – «Cash»:** Take your HVF receipt to the customs desk if you wish to pay the HVF in cash. After customs clearance you can leave Switzerland.

NB: If you pay cash you will be charged an administrative fee in addition to the HVF. So if you pay the HVF with a fuel card or debit an HVF account you save time and money.

The HVF on-board unit



Foreign vehicle owners can voluntarily equip their vehicles with a Swiss HVF on-board unit (OBU). The OBU is installed in the towing vehicle and automatically records the distance covered.



When entering or leaving Switzerland at the border, the OBU automatically establishes contact with radio beacons and calculates the chargeable tonne-kilometres.

You can obtain further information on the HVF OBU and the relevant application forms:

- on the Internet at www.lsva.ch
- from all border customs posts
- from the Directorate General of Customs

Main features of the HVF in brief

The Heavy Vehicle Fee (HVF) is levied in Switzerland on all motor vehicles and trailers used for the transport of goods with a total weight exceeding 3.5 tonnes each. The charge is calculated on the basis of:

- the maximum permitted total weight of the vehicle or combination of vehicles,
- the distance covered and
- the emission-related levy rate.

Levy rates (valid from January 1, 2008):

Tariff level	Fee category 1
Emission standard	EURO 0, EURO 1, EURO 2
Rate per ton and per km	3,07 cents/tkm
Tariff level	Fee category 2
Emission standard	EURO 3*
Rate per ton and per km	2,66 cents/tkm
Tariff level	Fee category 3
Emission standard	EURO 4, EURO 5, EURO 6
Rate per ton and per km	2,26 cents/tkm

Calculation example:

$$40 \text{ tons} \times 300 \text{ km} \times 2,26 \text{ cents} = \text{CHF } 271,20$$

* Temporary agreement: Vehicles Euro 3 are assessed by 31 December 2008 to the tariff of the fee category 3 (2,26 cents/tkm).

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