

PDC: Prepaid Disposal fee for glass beverage Containers

1. General points

The Ordinance on Beverage Containers of 5 July 2000 ([CCFL 814.621](#)) regulates the delivery and return of beverage containers for use in Switzerland and the financing of glass recycling. Importers who import glass beverage containers must pay a prepaid disposal fee (PDC) to an organization appointed by the Federal Office for the Environment (FOEN).

The Federal Office for Customs and Border Security reports to the appointed organization the import consignments which are relevant for the collection of the PDC.

For more information, please contact the FOEN, Waste and Raw Materials Division, 3003 Bern, tel. +41 58 462 93 80, fax +41 58 463 03 69, [FOEN - Packaging glass](#).

2. Information required in the customs declaration

Import declarations should contain the following additional information:

- the statistical key according to the Swiss Working Tariff
- in addition, for glass beverage containers:
 - the additional charge code 970
 - the scale of additional charges due on the basis of the container capacity, according to the table below and
 - the number of beverage containers (field "additional charge").

The rate of the charge (CHF 0.00) need not be mentioned. The rate of the charge is CHF 0.00.

The term "beverage containers" is taken to mean any kind of glass beverage container, regardless of their capacity. Excluded from this are containers for milk and milk products. In addition glass containers for solid foodstuffs, as well as those for pharmaceutical and cosmetic products (ampoules, etc.) are not covered by the ordinance.

3. Additional Charge Code 970

Scale of Additional Charges	Capacity of the container
001	less than 0.09 litres
002	0.09 litres or more but not more than 0.33 litres
003	more than 0.33 litres but not more than 0.6 litres
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