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## Customs info

For private individuals: essential information  
at a glance



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# The essentials in brief



## Travel documents

To enter Switzerland, you need a recognised and valid travel document. This can be a passport or an identity card. In some cases, a visa may be required.



## Road fees

If you are travelling in a vehicle, road fees apply for driving on Swiss roads and motorways.



## Goods and special cases

You must comply with certain regulations and may have to pay customs duties when crossing the border with goods. Special provisions apply to certain categories of goods (animals, vehicles, internet purchases).

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## Road fees

**Depending on the type and weight of the vehicle, the following fees must be paid before using Swiss roads:**



### Up to 3.5 tonnes

You must purchase a vignette to use Swiss motorways for motor vehicles and trailers up to 3.5 tonnes. The vignette is available as a sticker or as a practical electronic version, the e-vignette. In both cases, it costs CHF 40.

-  The e-vignette can be purchased at [www.e-vignette.ch](http://www.e-vignette.ch) at any time and from anywhere. It is valid immediately after payment.



### Over 3.5 tonnes

A **lump-sum heavy vehicle charge (PSVA)** applies to foreign vehicles with a total weight of more than 3.5 tonnes.

Further information: [www.via.admin.ch/shop](http://www.via.admin.ch/shop)

Are you traveling to Switzerland with your car or motorhome? Pay your road levies conveniently online in the Via portal.



Via

# Private goods

## Import of goods

for private use by the traveller or as a gift.

Valid per person and per day.

### Step 1

#### Tax-free limit of CHF 150

Does the total value of all goods exceed CHF 150?

No

Exempt from VAT

Yes

Subject to VAT

VAT due on the total value

### Step 2

#### Quantity allowances

Does the quantity exceed...

 1 kg of meat and meat preparations, excluding game?  
(≤10kg: CHF 17.–/kg; >10kg: CHF 23.–/kg)

 1 kg/l of butter/cream? (CHF 16.–/kg or l)

 5 kg/l of oils, fats and margarine for human consumption?  
(CHF 2.–/kg or l)

 5 l of alcoholic beverages up to 18% vol.\*? (CHF 2.–/l)

 1 l of alcoholic beverages over 18% vol.\*? (CHF 15.–/l)

 250 cigarettes / cigars / heated tobacco products / cartridges containing nicotine for e-cigarettes or 250 g other tobacco products or 250 ml liquids containing nicotine for e-cigarettes or 25 disposable e-cigarettes\* (cigarettes, etc.: CHF .25 per unit; other tobacco products: .10 per gramme; liquids containing nicotine: .25 per ml; disposable e-cigarettes: 2.50 per unit)

\*minimum age 17 years

With QuickZoll,  
the taxes and  
duties to be paid  
are calculated  
automati-  
cally

No

Duty-free

Yes

Subject to customs duty

Customs duty is levied on the excess quantities.

 The FOCBS does not refund VAT paid in a foreign country. Please contact the foreign seller or a company specialising in tax refunds.

# Private goods

## Private goods that can be imported duty free

### Personal effects

- Goods temporarily taken abroad from Switzerland
- Goods temporarily brought into Switzerland by foreign travellers

### Travel provisions

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

Fuel in your private vehicle's tank

## Restrictions and bans



### Animals and plants

Do you want to import an animal? Travel with your pet?

Bring in an exotic plant?

Find out what is permitted.



### Prohibited goods

Importing certain goods is prohibited and/or restricted (weapons, drugs, narcotics, cultural goods, counterfeit goods, medicines, etc.).

## Do you have any further questions?

You can find detailed information on our website:

[www.zoll.ch](http://www.zoll.ch)

## Specifics



### Vehicles

When importing a vehicle into Switzerland, you must comply with certain formalities and pay various fees.



### Household effects, inherited goods and wedding trousseaux

If you are moving abroad or moving to Switzerland, you can bring your household effects, inherited goods and wedding trousseaux with you without paying any taxes or duties. An import written declaration is required.



### Internet purchases

Consignments from or to abroad are considered commercial goods. The tax-free limit of CHF 150 does not apply to these goods.



All information about the restrictions, bans and specifics are available on  
[www.bazg.admin.ch/categories](http://www.bazg.admin.ch/categories)

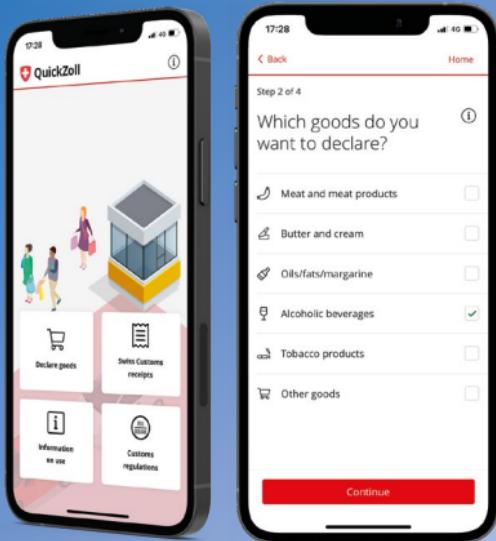
The Customs Information Office is also available to help you:

**Tel:** +41 58 467 15 15

Monday to Friday 8am to 11.30am and 1.30 to 5pm

# The official FOCBS app for declaring your private goods.

- > Automatic calculation of taxes and duties, including the deduction of allowances
- > Payment can be made with TWINT and credit cards
- > Everything you need to know about Customs, also available offline



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