



Registration process for imports at the Precious Metals Control (PMC)

Applies to all goods regulated under the Precious Metals Control Act (PMCA)

The Precious Metals Control Legislation distinguishes between goods subject to reporting requirements and goods not subject to reporting requirements regarding precious metal control (PMC). Goods subject to authorisation requirements are marked in the customs tariff (Tares) with a reference to the authorisation requirement «FOCBS-PMCR»¹ or «FOCBS-PMCM»². The goods must be declared in the customs declaration with an authorisation requirement code. In addition to the authorisation requirement (answer «yes»), the number of the responsibility mark – the so-called authorisation number – must be indicated in the customs declaration.

The decision on whether to carry out a control in accordance with PMCA is made on a risk-based basis.

If a consignment is marked as 'blocked' by the selection process, the person required to register must send the necessary documents to the relevant Precious Metals Control Office (PMCO). Wherever possible, the documents should be sent via E-Begleitdokument³ and the registration to the PMCO by e-mail.

The PMCO decides as part of the formal review whether a control will be carried out. The decision on whether a control will be carried out, as well as its scope and nature, is communicated to the person subject to the reporting obligation via E-Com³ or e-mail.

Lists 1 and 2 of goods subject to declaration are repealed.

The new process will come into effect throughout Switzerland on 1 December 2025.

¹ 090 Responsibility mark

Identification: Authorisation requirement «yes» / Authorisation authority «FOCBS-PMCR»
Authorisation number: Number of the responsibility mark

² 089 Melt products

Identification: Authorisation requirement «yes» / Authorisation authority «FOCBS-PMCM»
Authorisation number: none, but indication of marking

³ Digital services E-Begleitdokument and E-Com: https://www.bazg.admin.ch/bazg/en/home/services/services-companies/services-firmen_einfuhr-ausfuhr-durchfuhr/e-begleitdokument_e-com.html