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Overview of FOCBS facts and figures 2022

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1 Security for the population

1.1 Tracing people and stolen property

	2020	2021	2022
Persons for whom an alert has been issued detained	23,874	25,779	21,316
of which persons for whom an arrest warrant has been issued	8,265	8,673	9,312
Seizure of tools used for crime, goods originating from a criminal offence and cash (number of cases)	1,254	2,012	2,210

1.2 Migration

Number of cases

	2020	2021	2022
Illegal residence	11,043	18,859	52,077
Clarified suspected smuggling	379	478	476

1.3 Narcotics

Drugs seized (in kg)

	2020	2021	2022
Marijuana	655	777	476
Heroin	55	56	11
Cocaine	162	90	568
Amphetamines	25	9	17
Designer drugs	23	30	15

1.4 Documents

Amount seized (in units)

	2020	2021	2022
Forged documents	1,398	1,761	1,785
of which passports	142	201	211
of which ID cards	437	487	566
of which residence permits	75	100	109
of which driving licences	631	685	730
of which other (e.g. vehicle registration documents, visas)	113	288	169
Misused documents	189	240	281

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1.5 Weapons Act, War Material Act and Goods Control Act and embargo measures

	2020	2021	2022
Number of infringements	4,314	4,471	3,741
of which Weapons Act	4,206	4,416	3,641
of which War Material Act	27	9	9
of which Goods Control Act and embargo measures	81	46	91

1.6 Medications and doping substances

Consignments discovered (number)

	2020	2021	2022
Medications and doping substances	7,486	11,263	7,806
of which medications reported to Swissmedic	6,733	9,421	6,793

Ranking of seized medications

1. Erectile dysfunction treatments (79%)
2. Sleeping pills and tranquilizers (6%)
3. Hormones (incl. melatonin) (5%)
4. Nasal sprays and laxatives (4%)
5. Antibiotics, antiparasitics, antivirals (2%)
6. Painkillers (1%)
7. Other (3%)

Origin of the seized medications

Eastern Europe	34%
Asia (without India)	27%
Western Europe	26%
India	9%
Other	4%

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1.7 Road traffic security

Number of infringements*

	2020	2021	2022
Prosecuted or reported drivers	8,247	8,815	8,273
of which heavy vehicles	1,813	1,936	1,705
of which other	6,434	6,879	6,568
Prosecuted or reported cases of non-compliant vehicles and loads	23,379	16,836	14,838
of which heavy vehicles	20,350	12,546	10,462
of which other	3,029	4,290	4,376

* Safety deficiencies in heavy goods vehicles, drivers who were unfit to drive, violations of the regulations on rest periods, etc.

1.8 Plant, species and animal protection

Detections (consignments declared to the FSVO*)

	2020	2021	2022
Species protection (plants and animals)	779	699	646
Animal protection	654	2,560	2,059

The FOCBS detected **4,873** consignments of prohibited plants, fruits, vegetables, cut flowers, cut foliage or seeds from third countries (outside the EU and EFTA).

* Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office, www.blv.admin.ch

2 Security for the economy

2.1 Swiss foreign trade

Overview of foreign trade (in CHF billion)

	2020	2021	2022
Exports	299.5	347.7	383.7
Imports	273.8	296.5	340.4

Balance of trade – export surplus (in CHF billion)

	2020	2021	2022
	25.7	51.2	43.3

Imports and exports by continent (in CHF billion)

	Imports	Exports
Europe	187.9	175.3
EU	171.0	157.4
Germany	67.0	51.2
Italy	23.7	24.7
France	22.3	20.2
Asia	76.1	128.1
China	20.6	42.1
Japan	5.5	9.4
North America	42.7	66.5
USA	36.4	62.4
Central America, South America, Caribbean	12.0	7.2
Africa	18.6	3.6
Oceania	3.0	2.9

The EU member states are by far the most important customers for Swiss products.

2.2 Free trade

Switzerland has concluded **35** free trade agreements with **46** countries. Thanks to these, importers do not pay import duties on many goods.

The latest free trade agreement entered into force with Indonesia on 1 November 2021.

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2.3 Commercial goods traffic

54 million customs declarations were processed by the FOCBS in 2022.

Customs declarations (number of assessments in millions)

	2020	2021	2022
Importation	35.9	36.1	39.9
Exportation	6.6	6.9	6.9
Transit	7.5	7.7	7.2

2.4 Criminal prosecution and criminal proceedings

Sanctioned products (in kg)

	2020	2021	2022
Tobacco smuggling	18,017	20,720	11,395
Meat smuggling	136,562	152,780	120,418

2.5 Agricultural products

False declarations or smuggling

	2020	2021	2022
Cases involving merchandise	2,204	2,100	1,650
Cases in tourist traffic	21,046	20,767	16,723

2.6 Precious metal control

Hallmarking of jewellery and watches (in millions of units)

	2020	2021	2022
National hallmark (St. Bernard dog's head)	1.84	2.57	2.94
International "common control mark"	1.83	2.55	2.91

In **1,433** cases, the FOCBS objected to the quality of precious metal articles.

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2.7 Product piracy

Seized consignments

	2020	2021	2022
Cases involving merchandise	4 433	5 959	7 964
Cases in tourist traffic	2 246	2 881	2 517

A total of **43,098** counterfeit branded items were withdrawn from circulation, i.e. **37,664** counterfeits in commercial goods traffic and **5,434** counterfeits in tourist traffic.

Merchandise

Counterfeits by product group (in %)

Bags, wallets	33.7%
Clothes, scarves, hats, belts	27.5%
Watches, jewellery, glasses	14.4%
Shoes	19.7%
Medicines and medicinal products	2.1%
Other	2.6%

Tourist traffic

Counterfeits by product group (in %)

Bags, wallets	47.1%
Clothes, scarves, hats, belts	29.1%
Watches, jewellery, glasses	17.0%
Shoes	1.6%
Perfume, cosmetics, razor blades, toothbrushes	0.8%
Other	4.4%

3 Security for the state

3.1 Receipts

Total receipts (in CHF billion)

2020	2021	2022
21.8	23.5	24.3

Of the Confederation's receipts of almost CHF **77 billion**, the FOCBS generates around a third at CHF **24.3 billion** and thus ensures that the state functions properly. Main sources of receipts (in CHF million)

	2019	2020	2021
Value added tax	10,166	11,326	12,240
Mineral oil tax	4,180	4,486	4,367
Tobacco duty	2,104	2,149	2,030
Heavy vehicle charge	1,535	1,614	1,606
CO ₂ tax on fuel	1,161	1,155	1,238
Import duties	1,187	1,277	1,221
Other receipts*	1,493	1,502	1,607

* automobile duty, motorway tax stickers and beer tax, etc.

3.2 Beer and Spirits

In 2022, **1,179** breweries existed and **102,738** spirit producers were registered.

Domestic production of beer (in millions of hectolitres)

2020	2021	2022
3.40	3.38	3.69

CHF **28 million** of the spirits tax, known as the "alcohol tenth", flowed to the cantons to combat drug abuse.

3.3 Tobacco

Cigarette sales domestically (in millions of units)

2020	2021	2022
9,306	9,132	8,580

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3.4 QuickZoll

With the QuickZoll application, travellers can digitally declare goods they buy abroad for their own use or as gifts and pay all necessary duties and taxes – 100% independently and regardless of location. www.quickzoll.admin.ch

	2020	2021	2022
Number of declarations made by travellers	20,177	31,835	53,453
Total turnover in CHF	1,744,538	2,901,507	5,091,329

3.5 Via

Via (app and web application) allows you to independently pay the lump-sum heavy vehicle charge (PSVA) for vehicles such as motorhomes or coaches registered outside Switzerland or the Principality of Liechtenstein before entering the country www.via.admin.ch

	2020	2021	2022
Number of receipts generated	8,506	16,369	50,360
Total turnover in CHF	420,628	757,391	2,412,227

3.6 Activ

The Activ application enables the drivers of freight forwarding and transport companies to automatically activate their goods declaration at the border www.activ.admin.ch

	2020	2021	2022
Number of automatic activations with Activ	8,123	55,584	128,819

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4 Who works at the FOCBS?

4.1 Employees

Average number of full-time equivalents

	2020	2021	2022
Total	4,519	4,442	4,424

At the FOCBS, the overall proportion of women (headcount) was **25.8%** in 2022.

Language ratio (in %)

	2020	2021	2022
German	59.19	58.99	58.69
French	26.04	26.04	26.01
Italian	14.11	14.33	14.66
Romansh	0.66	0.64	0.64

4.2 International assignments

105 employees were involved overseas in security activities or training.

	2020	2021	2022
Frontex			
Deploys total	36	65	95
Deployment days total	1,415	2,341	3,437
Airline Liaison Officers (ALO)			
Deploys total	6	6	6
Internationale Missionen und Verbindungsoffiziere, Attachés			
Deploys total	3	4	4

4.3 Specialist in customs and border security

162 aspirants commenced their career with the FOCBS in 2022. The new qualification will enable them to carry out comprehensive checks on goods, people and means of transport.

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4.4 You will find the FOCBS here

Are you looking for further information? You will find more information at www.bazg.admin.ch. The website attracted around **4 million** visitors in 2022.

How to find us and when exactly we are there can be found online at www.zollauskunft.admin.ch. Last year, the Information Office answered **25,110** emails and **130,648** telephone calls. This amounts to **516** enquiries a day, with each call lasting around **3** minutes on average. Information is provided in English, French, German and Italian.

Information office for customs regulations

Tel.: +41 58 467 15 15

Monday to Friday

8am to 11.30am and 1.30pm to 5pm

5 A day at the Swiss border

Approximately 2,200,000 people, 1,100,000 cars and 21,000 heavy goods vehicles cross the Swiss border every day. On a daily basis, FOCBS employees collected and found:

- CHF **66.6 million** in receipts
- **118** counterfeit products
- **58** people who were wanted or had an arrest warrant issued against them
- **5** forged identity documents
- **10** prohibited weapons
- **3** kg of drugs
- **143** cases of illegal residence
- **21** consignments of medications or doping preparations
- **29** defective lorries

www.bazg.admin.ch/figures