

A brief guide to Tares – the Swiss customs tariff

You will find tariff numbers, customs duties and information relating to other charges (VAT, incentive fees, tobacco duty, beer tax, mineral oil tax, etc.) as well as information on bans, restrictions, or authorisation requirements in the Electronic [Customs Tariff - Tares](#).

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1. To start the application

- Click on ENTER in the entry screen

2. Declaration header and tariff search

- Select transport direction (Import from, Export to) and
- Select country of origin or destination country from the list (e.g. Hungary) and
- Search with tariff number: enter tariff number (TN); possible formats: a two, four, **six**, or eight-**digit number**. E.g. 04 (Dairy produce ...) or 0406 (Cheese ...) or 0406.10 (fresh cheese ...) or 0406.1020 (Mozzarella); click on ENTER/RETURN or on «Search».

The applicable eight-digit tariff number can be determined as follows:

- By consulting the [General Tariff](#)
- Or by entering the international six-digit TN. This number generally includes the first six digits of the tariff number used for export from the country of origin. This number usually appears on the international transport documents, an invoice or an export document from the country of origin.
N.B.: Tariff classifications and/or interpretations may vary in individual cases; the tariff number for export from the country of origin is used by the Federal Office for Customs and Border Security solely for information purposes.
- Or by entering the search term, e.g. «cheese» or «mozzarella» in the «Search by text» field in the search mask, and then clicking on the applicable word in red.

3. When the «Search result» tab is displayed:

- Click on the dark-grey tab «Whole chapter» at the top on the right
- Search for applicable eight-digit tariff number
- If there is a magnifying glass symbol next to the applicable eight-digit tariff number: Click on the magnifying glass symbol ()
- If there is no magnifying glass symbol next to the applicable eight-digit tariff number: click on the applicable tariff number: click on the lower frame of the magnifying glass symbol of the applicable key

The details for the respective tariff number or the respective key including customs duty rates, VAT and special remarks are shown in the tab «Display details».

- To compare rates across different countries, click on the money symbol () next to the eight-digit tariff number.

You can check whether the retrieved tariff number is correct and find additional information under Tariff classification decisions or the Explanatory notes to the customs tariff.

To do so, click on [Decisions](#) or [Explanatory notes](#) at the top on the right under «Display details» for the tariff number.

Typographical Conventions

The Swiss Working Tariff is based on a database, which restricts the range of available typographical characters. For instance, there are neither italics nor Greek characters, and square or curly brackets are replaced by usual round brackets.

The following chart shows the differences from the usual representation:

Usual representation	Used representation	Example of the usual representation	Example of the used representation
B ₁ , B ₂ , etc. N ¹ , N ² , etc. D, L, DL Greek characters, for instance α, β, etc. {[()]}	B1, B2, etc. N'1, N'2, etc. D, L, DL alpha-, beta-, etc. ((()))	Vitamin B ₁ N ⁴ -Benzylsulfanilamide DL-Kynurenin α-Azoisobutyronitrile Dimethyl{2[1-phenyl-1(2-pyridyl)ethoxy]-ethyl}amine	Vitamin B1 N'4-Benzylsulfanilamide DL-Kynurenin alpha-Azoisobutyronitrile Dimethyl(2-(1-phenyl-1(2-pyridyl)ethoxy)-ethyl)amine