

FOEN - Plant protection products Export

1. General

1.1 The issue at hand

Plant protection products are hazardous for the environment, which is why their use is regulated. An authorisation from the [FOEN](#) is mandatory in order to export plant protection products that are not authorised in Switzerland. It is prohibited to export plant protection products that are considered to be particularly hazardous in terms of human health or the environment.

1.2 Basis and information

- Chemical Risk Reduction Ordinance (ORRChem; [SR 814.81](#)); Annex 2.5
- [List](#) of active substances subject to a licence

1.3 Reference in Tares

Tariff items that are relevant under environmental law contain the note "Authorisation obligation: FOEN-PPP-E".

1.4 Terminology

Plant protection products	<p>Active substances and preparations that are designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- protect plants and plant products against harmful organisms or prevent the action of such organisms (e.g. acaricides, fungicides, insecticides, molluscicides);- influence the life processes of plants other than as a nutrient (phytoregulators);- preserve plant products (storage protectants);- destroy unwanted plants or parts of plants (herbicides); or- control the undesired growth of plants (phytoregulators). <p>They also include organisms (bacteria, viruses and other microorganisms and macroorganisms [beneficial insects]) with a general or specific effect on harmful organisms with respect to plants, parts of plants or plant products (e.g. ladybirds used to combat aphids).</p>
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2. Information in the customs/goods declaration

Anyone exporting plant protection products must provide an indication in the goods declaration regarding the restriction obligation and enter the FOEN authorisation.

Identification Regulation	Passar: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Regulation 1 (yes)- Regulation code 413 "FOEN - Plant protection products Export"
	e-dec: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Authorisation obligation "yes"- Authorising authority "FOEN-PPP-E"
Additional information	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Authorisation number- Authorisation holder¹- Goods specification - CAS number plant protection substance²

3. Further information

The export ban covers the following substances and preparations containing these substances:

¹ Only for declarations in the Passar system

² Declaration in the Passar system: additional Information / Declaration in e-dec: Description of Goods

Substance/preparation	Relevant CAS number(s)
Atrazine	1912-24-9
Diafenthiuron	80060-09-9
Methidathion	950-37-8
Paraquat and its salts, including:	4685-14-7
- Paraquat dichloride	1910-42-5, 75365-73-0
- Paraquat dimethylsulfate	2074-50-2
Profenofos	41198-08-7