SECO - Rough diamonds

1.   General

1.1   Background

Rebel movements finance arms purchases and thus the continuation of civil wars by trading in "conflict diamonds". To prevent such conflict diamonds from entering legal markets, an international certification scheme for the trade in rough diamonds was established in 2000.

Anyone wishing to import, export or transit rough diamonds requires a Kimberley Process (KP) certificate.

1.2   Legal basis and information

-    Diamonds Ordinance (SR 946.231.11)
-    Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (BBl 2003 3769)

1.3   Reference in Tares

Tariff items that are relevant to the Kimberly Process contain the note "Non-customs provision: SECO - Rough diamonds".

1.4   Definitions

Rough diamonds	Diamonds in their raw state or diamonds that have only been roughly processed by sawing (e.g. into lamellae), splitting (rough cutting along the cleavage planes) or rough grinding (preparation for fine grinding).
	Diamonds that have undergone further processing (e.g. drilling, stringing) are not deemed to be rough diamonds within the meaning of the Diamonds Ordinance.

2.   Information in the customs/goods declaration

Anyone importing or exporting rough diamonds must provide an indication in the goods declaration regarding the regulation requirement, enter the number of the KP certificate and physically present the certificate to customs.

Identification Regulation	Passar: - Regulation 1 (yes) - Regulation code 110 "SECO – Rough diamonds"
	e-dec: - NZE mandatory code "yes" - NZE type code 110 "Rough diamonds"
Additional details	- Number of the Kimberley Process (KP) certificate ("Document" section)[1] - Country of origin (import only) - Carat weight[2]

3.   Additional information

Authorised customs offices

Rough diamonds may be assessed for customs purposes at the following customs offices only:

-    Zoll Nord (Customs North), Basel-Flughafen (Basel Airport) and Basel Mitte (Basel Central)

-    Zoll Nordost (Customs North-East), Zürich-Flughafen (Zurich Airport) and Zurich

-    Douane Ouest (Customs West), Genève-Aéroport (Geneva Airport)

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[1] Declarations in Passar: attribute "Supporting document – type 2400: Kimberley Process Certificate international"
[2] Declarations in e-dec: to one decimal place; declarations in Passar: to two decimal places