



Used or secondhand household goods and personal effects may be imported into Switzerland duty and tax free providing the owner has lived outside the EU for more than 12 months and the goods have been used for a minimum of 6 (six) months prior to importation. If all the documents are in order the owner does not have to be present during customs clearance.

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR DUTY FREE ENTRY

- Photocopy or scanned copy of passport showing clear photo and signature. Visa if applicable.
- Detailed inventory in French, German, Italian or English which should not include “Packed by owner” descriptions. Inventories showing PBO items will be examined at additional cost.
- Swiss 18.44 customs document duly completed.
- Swiss residents permit for all non-Swiss citizens.
- Copy letter of employment and/or any other original documents such as utility bills proving that the owner lived for at least one year in the country of departure prior to arrival in Switzerland.
- Copy letter of employment and lease agreement or property title in Switzerland.
- Copy ocean bill of lading (OBL) or airwaybill (AWB) from the origin removal agent.
- Importation must be made within 12 months of arriving in Switzerland.
- Temporary customs clearance for shipments without full documentation can only be made on payment of a duty and tax deposit calculated by Swiss customs.

ALCOHOL

Duty and tax is payable on all alcohol imported into Switzerland. An inventory containing the type (wine, whisky etc), the bottle size, the number of bottles, alcoholic strength (abv%) and the value will be required in order for customs to calculate the duty and tax payable. Max 200L of alcohol below 25° abv and 12L of alcohol above 25° abv. Including items like these will inevitably delay customs clearance and result in additional costs for the owner.

NEW GOODS

Duty and tax is payable on all items that are new or less than 6 months old. A detailed list of these items is required along with the original purchase invoices from the supplier(s). Including items like these can delay customs clearance and incur additional costs.

PROHIBITIONS AN RESTRICTIONS

Drugs and narcotics prohibited. Firearms, ammunition, ivory, skins and food have restrictions. Check before shipment!

Please ensure you forward all of the required documents to your removal company before you leave the country you are moving from. Incomplete or incorrect documents will result in delays and additional cost. Motor vehicles, inherited goods or wedding trousseau require additional documents.