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Customs clearance of household effects in connection with household removal

Article 14 of the Customs Ordinance (SR 631.01)

1 An immigrant's household effects are admitted duty-free.

2 The household effects must be imported close to the time when the transfer of domicile occurs. Notification of subsequent consignments must be made at the time of the first importation. If there is an obstacle to the importation of the household effects, duty-free entry may be granted after the obstacle has ceased to exist.

3 Household effects are:

a. Goods of the immigrant which have been used by the latter for his/her personal needs or for his/her profession or trade for at least six months in foreign customs territories and which he/she will personally continue to use in Switzerland;

b. Household provisions and tobacco products of the usual type and quantity and alcoholic beverages:
   1. with an alcohol content up to 25% proof: not exceeding 200 litres, and
   2. with an alcohol content of over 25% proof: not exceeding 12 litres.

4 Household goods and personal effects, excluding the means of transport, belonging to persons who are domiciled in a foreign customs territory and who exclusively for their own use have bought or are renting a house or a flat in Switzerland are treated as household effects if the other prerequisites in accordance with para. 3a are met and the importation occurs close to the time of the conclusion of the purchase contract or the tenancy agreement.

5 Individuals who transfer their domicile from a foreign customs territory to Switzerland are considered to be immigrants. Persons who have stayed in a foreign customs territory for at least one year without giving up their Swiss domicile are treated as immigrants.

Procedure and observations

1. Exemption from the payment of duties must be applied for at the time of importation on the form „Declaration/ Application for clearance of household effects" (sheets 2 and 3).
2. The following must be submitted to the Customs Office with that form:
   a) a list of the goods to be imported; goods which are imported as subsequent consignments are to be declared on a separate list. Goods which do not meet the requirements, are to be itemised at the end of the list as „goods for normal customs clearance";
   b) the Swiss residence permit, except for immigrants from the first 25 EU states and from the EFTA states;
   c) the official, foreign registration certificate for the means of transportation;
   d) proof that a house or a flat has been purchased or rented.

   The Customs Office may demand other documents such as an employment contract, notice of departure confirmation from the country of departure / registration confirmation from the commune of residence, etc. to examine the right to exemption from paying duties.
3. Persons who are not present at the time of the customs clearance should hand the form „Declaration/ Application for clearance of household effects" and the documents mentioned in paragraph 2 to their representative for submission to the Customs Office.
4. The household effects must be imported close to the time when the transfer of domicile occurs, i.e. at the latest within 2 years from the date of when the transfer of domicile occurred.
5. In principle notification subsequent consignments must be made at the time of the first importation, at the latest, however, within 2 years from the date of when the transfer of domicile occurred. If there is an obstacle to the importation of the household effects, duty-free entry may be granted after the obstacle has ceased to exist (within 3 months).
6. Household effects can only be cleared at certain times; clearance takes place on working days during the hours fixed for the clearance of merchandise.
7. Items to furnish a secondary residence will be treated the same as household effects. However, exceptions to this are vehicles and animals.
8. The authorities reserve the right to apply import restrictions and import prohibitions, especially of an economic or financial nature and in the field of veterinary police and security, as well as measures concerning plant protection and species protection.
9. If the Customs Office has doubts as to the right to duty-free clearance, the household goods can be provisionally cleared through customs, in which case a guarantee must be given for the import duties and the proof required must be submitted to the customs office within the deadline imposed.
10. Any person who obtains exemption from duties without complying with the conditions is guilty of an offence.
11. The use of the form "Declaration/Application for clearance of household effects" obtained by photocopying, fax or from the internet may be used provided it is signed in original and presented in duplicate to the Customs Office.

Federal Customs Administration

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Erklärung/Veranlagungsantrag für Übersiedlungsgut
(Declaration/Application for clearance of household effects)

Für die Zollstelle
For official use
Nr. _____

Der/Die Unterzeichnete ***(The undersigned)***

Name (Surname) Vorname (First name)

Geburtsdatum (Date of birth) Beruf (Profession)

Zivilstand (Marital status) Staatsangehörigkeit (Nationality)

Adresse im Ausland (Address abroad)

Adresse im schweizerischen Zollgebiet (Address in Switzerland)

führt Übersiedlungsgut ein im Zusammenhang mit der ***(is importing household effects in connection with)***

☐ Verlegung des Wohnsitzes vom Ausland nach dem schweizerischen Zollgebiet (transfer of domicile to Swiss Customs territory from abroad)

Datum der Wohnsitzverlegung (Date of legal transfer of domicile)

Schweiz. Aufenthaltspapier, evtl. Nachweis der Wohnsitzverlegung gemäss Ziffer 2b (Swiss residence permit or proof of the transfer of domicile see paragraph 2b)

Nr. (No.) ausgestellt durch (issued by)

Mitübersiedelnde Personen (Co-immigrating persons)

☐ Rückkehr nach Auslandaufenthalt von mindestens einem Jahr ohne Aufgabe des inländischen Wohnsitzes
(return to Switzerland following a period of domicile abroad of at least one year without relinquishing domicile in Switzerland)

Datum der Abreise ins Ausland (Date of departure abroad) Datum der Rückkehr (Date of return)

☐ Ausstattung einer Wohnung/eines Hauses unter Beibehaltung des Wohnsitzes im Ausland
(furnishing a flat/house in Switzerland while maintaining domicile abroad)

☐ Mieter (Tenant)
☐ Eigentümer (Owner)

Vertrag vom (contract dated)

Räumlichkeiten bezugsbereit seit (Premises available from)

erklärt ***(declares that)***

die im Verzeichnis aufgeführten Gegenstände während mindestens sechs Monaten im Ausland benutzt zu haben und sie im Inland selber weiterbenutzen zu wollen,
(he/she has used the goods referred to in the enclosed list for at least six months while abroad and intends to continue using them himself/herself in Switzerland)

die Haushaltvorräte, die abgabenfrei zugelassen werden, im eigenen Haushalt konsumieren zu wollen.
(he/she intends to consume the provisions imported duty-free in his/her own household.

Fahrzeuge ***(Vehicles)*** Art, Marke und Typ (Type, make and model) Fahrgestell-Nr. (Chassis no.)

1.

2.

Ort und Datum (Place and date) Unterschrift (Signature)

Antrag auf abgabenfreie Zulassung ***(Application for duty-free clearance)***

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Vordokument (Previous document)

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Für die Zollstelle ***(for official use)***

Unterschrift (Signature)

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