

## CUSTOMS REGULATIONS FOR IMPLANTATION OF HOUSEHOLD GOODS IN SWITZERLAND

### Who can apply for duty free entry ?

People/expat officially changing residence from abroad to Switzerland and having purchased and used all their belongings more than 6 months prior to the official date of change of residence, will get a duty free entry from Swiss custom's. Delay for importation is 2 years, from official date of change of residence.

### What is dutiable ?

Any items less than 6 months in client possession, or new items, will be subject to payment of custom's duty and VAT. A copy of the purchase invoices will be required.

### Wine/Alcohol

Swiss customs allow duty free entry up to 12 litres of spirits and 200 litres of wine. A detailed list is needed.

### Automobiles/Motorcycles

Same as for the household goods, duty free entry is granted, if the vehicle is registered under client's name more than 6 months prior to the official date of change of residence (*date mentioned on the Swiss work permit*). The automobile will have to be presented to the technical control in order to ensure it meets Swiss standards on noise, pollution, security and it is in good condition. Cost for this will vary depending on make, model, year, state of the vehicle and if changes are required. Check with authorized dealer at origin prior to ship vehicle.

### Prohibited items

Ivory, skins or any articles from all protected animals (cites convention). Fresh food, drugs and narcotics.

### List of documents needed

- Swiss custom's form 18.44 signed in original by client (*available from our office*)
- Supplemental declaration form signed by client (*available from our office*)
- Photocopy of passport (*picture page only*)
- Photocopy of Swiss work permit (for European citizen, a photocopy of the working contract with the Swiss company is enough. Please delete salary/bonus information)
- Photocopy of the lease of the house/flat in Switzerland
- Town hall registration
- Packing list
- List of items coming later on, if any
- Detailed list of wine/spirits, if any
- Title / Registration card of the vehicle

### Other status than "change of residence"

New effects, new or used effects for a holiday residence in Switzerland, will be subject to payment of custom's duty and VAT.