

Temporary vehicle import into Switzerland

Since questions repeatedly arise regarding the import of vehicles not registered for road traffic or registered (not registered) into Switzerland on the occasion of our events, we have inquired on your behalf at the responsible office, the Federal Department of Finance FDF at the Federal Office for Customs and Border Security BAZG, Customs East, and received the following information, which we reproduce here in the wording:

It is in the nature of things that at such a diverse event as the St. Moritz Automobile Week, a wide variety of regulations are applied to the import of the participating vehicles. Unfortunately, it is not possible for us to grant your request for a simplified and inexpensive procedure for all non-registered foreign vehicles. An applicable procedure is always based on the strictest requirements. Applying this strictest standard to all foreign vehicles regardless of their use is not appropriate. A waiver, where foreseen due to legal requirements and fiscal risks, is not possible.

Consequently, your participants cannot avoid clearing all vehicles upon importation according to the usual regulations foreseen for the corresponding purpose of use.

In summary, the following applies:

Vehicles, not registered, to participate in one or more events (without auction).

Vehicles not registered - for participation in the Bernina Gran Turismo and Kilomètre Lancé races, regardless of participation in other events - except participation in the auction

- use by a person residing abroad: import with an ATA carnet or a list of the vehicle with accessories
The list must be accompanied by the following obligation:
"The vehicle may only be used for journeys in connection with the races XXX and other events of the St. Moritz Motor Sport Week. The use of the vehicle for other journeys - including journeys against payment (regardless of the amount) - is expressly prohibited. In case of non-compliance with these conditions, import duties will be charged subsequently and criminal proceedings will be initiated".
The list must be presented at the time of entry, stamped by the customs and kept by the customs operator as evidence
- Use by a person domiciled in Switzerland - Clearance with a form 15.25 reservation certificate

Vehicle not registered - for participation in one of the remaining events e.g. the Ralleys (Targa, Super Stick Shift) or exhibition in the Kempinski area, but neither in one of the races Bernina Gran Turismo and Kilomètre Lancé or the auction

- Use by a person residing abroad: importation with an ATA carnet or a ZAVV with guarantee of the import duties
- Use by a person domiciled in the country: a ZAVV with guarantee of import duties is mandatory, import with an ATA carnet is not permitted.

Please sensitize your participants to the fact that

- if import duties have to be secured (import with a ZAVV),
 - the participants contact a professional customs broker at the border in good time and have the customs documents prepared in order to avoid unnecessary delays and to ensure the smoothest possible procedure.
 - the value of the vehicle must be proven in an appropriate manner.
 - the importation and re-exportation is bound to the opening hours for the commercial traffic of goods.
- if the importation is accompanied by a pre-notification form. 15.25, or a list with obligation can be made

- this simplified assessment can be made only upon express notification at the time of importation and therefore
 - the import must be made through an open and manned border crossing point
 - the use must be proven at the time of entry by means of a certificate of participation in the race in question
- Entry with an ATA carnet is also only possible via an open border crossing at which personnel are on site.

If the import takes place without registration (e.g. via unmanned border crossings or outside of opening hours) and customs establishes this fact during an inspection, the person in question must expect definitive customs clearance due to non-registration.

Even if our answer is not what you had hoped for, we hope that this information will still be helpful to you. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us:

Customs East, task execution,
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Tel. no. +41 58 465 63 00

The phone number is the main number. Callers can then be connected with one of the present clerks.

If it is a question of opening hours or local forwarding agents at a border crossing, your participants should inquire directly at the border crossing in question:

The most important are:

Schaanwald:	+41 58 466 77 62
Au:	+41 58 481 23 23
Martina:	+41 58 480 10 41
Castasegna:	+41 58 480 12 20

For other border crossings you will find the contact information in the office directory (select option 'I am a company') [Dienststellenverzeichnis / Liste des offices / Elenco degli uffici / Customs offices \(admin.ch\)](#)

We wish you a successful event.

Kind regards
Federal Department of Finance FDF
Federal Office for Customs and Border Security BAZG
Customs East, task execution