# All the right moves - Switzerland



REMOVALS, STORAGE AND INTERNATIONAL SHIPPING









# Welcome to Britannia in Switzerland

# Britannia moving to/from Switzerland

Switzerland has always been a popular European destination for people looking to move overseas. Consequently Britannia has been providing a regular removal service between the UK and Switzerland for many years, and can offer a door to door service if required. Many of Britannia's network of companies specialise in moving to Switzerland. With the support of our relationships with local Swiss removal companies we can also offer site surveys, access to additional resources as well as secure storage facilities in Switzerland, allowing Britannia to offer you a complete moving package.

# **Importing Personal Effects**

The importation of household goods and personal effects is duty free provided the goods have been owned and used by you for at least 6 months prior to importing.

#### Custom clearance/documentation

As Switzerland is not a member of the EU it will be necessary to clear your goods through customs on arrival. In general you will have to satisfy the authorities that you have the necessary status to be domiciled in Switzerland. You will have to prove you have obtained accommodation, a work permit if you are intending to take up employment and complete a Swiss Customs Declaration. Britannia can provide the necessary customs forms and other information on importing household effects.

#### **Transit Times**

Transit times can vary subject to the method of transport chosen, size of your consignment and the final destination.

Britannia will advise you once this information is established.

#### **Prohibitions and Restrictions**

In general it is in your interest not to import the following items:

- Firearms & ammunition
- Inflammable goods & substances
- Plants & plant material
- Perishables or otherwise
- Alcohol, narcotics and dangerous goods
- Offensive material

There are restrictions in transporting some classes of goods across borders and within some countries. Several countries restrict the value or volume/weight of such goods as alcohol, tobacco and cigarettes. Recent changes to legislation in Europe means that it is now forbidden to travel through France en route to other countries in any vehicle carrying more than a minimal amount of cigarettes or alcohol. If a vehicle is stopped and searched and these are found amongst household effects there are huge fines plus the costs of delays to the vehicle and costs to any third parties who are thus also affected.

# **Tracking Consignment**

All groupage consignments will be bar coded before they are loaded into the shipping container. This will ensure that no items are left at origin and allow Britannia to check the status of your goods in transit.

#### **Additional Services**

Britannia can provide a variety of complementary services to make your moving experience as efficient and easy as possible. From International foreign exchange to helping you relocate your family's pets. For further information about Britannia's partner companies please visit -

http://www.britannia-movers.co.uk/additional-services

#### **Motor Vehicles**

Importation of motor vehicles to Switzerland will be subject to compliance, it is probable that duty and tax will apply. Shipment of right-hand vehicles is not recommended.

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