

Leaflet for the matriculation of foreign vehicles in Switzerland

1. Legal foundation

Articles 115 and 147 of the traffic authorization regulation (Verkehrszulassungsverordnung VZV).

2. Which vehicles must be matriculated?

Foreign motor vehicles and trailers must have a Swiss vehicle licence and Swiss licence plates when:

- a. the location of the vehicle has been in Switzerland for more than a year without the interruption of three continuous months;
- b. the holder of the vehicle has been in Switzerland for more than one year without the interruption of three continuous months and has used the vehicle for more than one month;
- c. the holder of the vehicle has their legal residence in Switzerland and has spent less than twelve continuous months abroad and has used the vehicle in Switzerland for more than a month;
- d. the vehicle is used for the transportation of persons and goods which are picked up and dropped in Switzerland (inland traffic) against payment;
- e. the foreign vehicle licence or the third party liability insurance expires or has expired.

3. Official inspection

Before the registration your vehicle needs to be officially inspected in Switzerland. For this, technical regulations need to be followed (Certificate of first introduction to circulation, tyres, speedometer, exhaust maintenance document etc.)

4. Registration for the authorisation

The documents for the registration for the technical inspection of the vehicle must be submitted immediately if the vehicle is to be authorized in Switzerland within the month, respectively one month before the compulsory matriculation.

The deadlines and the necessary documents for the registration to the inspection of the vehicle are listed on the next page of this leaflet.

5. Licence plates

The licence plates (ZH) can only be handed out when the vehicle has passed the official inspection and when you have turned in the foreign vehicle licence and the foreign licence plates.

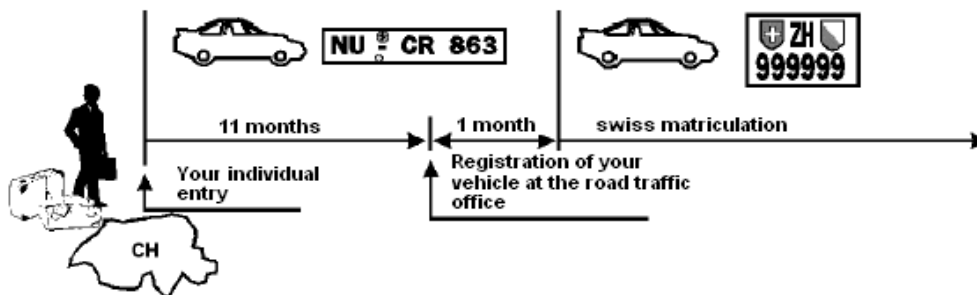
6. Sanctions

Whoever drives a vehicle with a foreign driver's licence, a foreign vehicle licence or foreign licence plates despite being obliged to acquire Swiss licences, will be punished by fine.

For additional Information please visit our site www.stva.zh.ch or call us.

7. Import of your vehicle as an emigrations good

If you have been the owner of the vehicle for at least half a year prior to your entry into Switzerland, then you have to matriculate your vehicle one year after your individual entry into Switzerland at the very latest.



7.1. The following documents will be needed for the registration to the technical inspection

Proof of insurance from a Swiss insurer

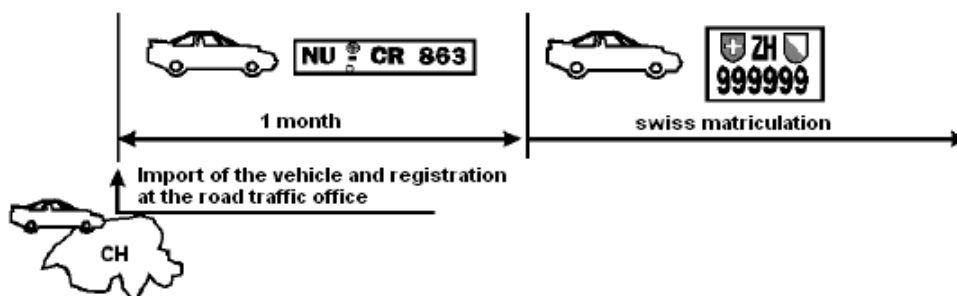
The foreign vehicle licence

Inspection report from the customs office (Form. 13.20A)

Declaration from the customs office that the vehicle is an emigration good (Form. 18.44d or 18.45d/18.46d)

8. Vehicle purchased abroad

If you have purchased a vehicle abroad without having a permanent residence there for more than one year, then you have to matriculate the vehicle within one month after the import. You if you plan to get the Swiss authorisation at a later point in time, then you have to deposit the foreign licence plates at the Swiss road traffic office for the time being.



8.1. The following documents will be needed for the registration to the technical inspection

Proof of insurance from a Swiss insurer

The foreign vehicle licence

Inspection report from the customs office (Form. 13.20A)

EU-compliance certificate or the exhaust and noise confirmation from the official importer

9. The vehicle was imported without paying customs duty

If you have imported your vehicle without paying customs duty, then you have to register the vehicle one year after your individual entry at the latest, provided that the foreign authorisation and insurance is valid for the time being.



9.1. The following documents will be needed for the registration to the technical inspection

Proof of insurance from a Swiss insurer (valid for one year at the most and no longer than to the end of the customs allowance)
The foreign vehicle licence
Approval from the customs office to use a vehicle without customs clearance (Form. 15.30 or 15.40)

9.2. The following documents will be needed after customs clearance

Proof of insurance from a Swiss insurer
Temporary Swiss vehicle licence and the Swiss customs licence plates
Inspection report from the customs office (Form. 13.20A)
EU-compliance certificate or the exhaust and noise confirmation from the official importer or a declaration from the customs office that the vehicle is an emigration good (Form. 18.44d or 18.45d/18.46d)