General

The Swiss Working Tariff (Tares) is intended for direct use as part of the customs clearance. It contains much information about legal provisions to be observed when clearing goods through customs. However, the application of such provisions is in any case governed by the wording of the acts and ordinances themselves. English translations are thought as an aid and are not binding. Texts which, for economic reasons, were not translated are displayed in French.

If the software is installed locally, its user is himself/herself responsible for updating the data (downloading of the latest update).

Tariff Heading

The first six digits of the tariff heading are an integral part of the International Convention on the Harmonized Commodity Description and Coding System (HS; CCFL 0.632.11), the first two indicating the Chapter in which the tariff heading falls. The fifth and sixth digits indicate the HS subheading. The seventh and eighth indicate the Swiss subheading. Where the HS is not subdivided by Switzerland, the six-digit HS code ends in "00".

Rate of Duties

The basic duty rate normally applicable is referred to as the normal rate (Normal). For goods which are subject to a variable component pursuant to the Federal Act concerning the Import and Export of Processed Agricultural Products and to the corresponding ordinance, the rate of duty includes the variable component.

If the tariff makes provision for preferential rates (i.e. reduced duties) applicable to specific countries or groups of countries, these rates may only be applied on request, on presentation of the appropriate proofs of origin, and - where appropriate - subject to the observance of any additional requirements (see "Remarks", "Free Trade Agreements" and "Developing Countries").

RC / CRKC

Customs Relief Codes (RC) and Customs Relief Kind Codes (CRKC), if any, are shown in this column. The RC determines the rate applicable to goods enjoying customs relief and the inspection fee to be levied, if any. More information is available under "Remarks", "Customs Reliefs".

Key: Import / Export

If, after selecting an eight-digit tariff heading in the Swiss Working Tariff, the magnifying glass symbol ("Show Details") does not appear on the tariff heading line, a statistical key must be selected in a second window. In this case, the details are in connection with the statistical key.

Value Added Tax, Additional Charges (e.g. Mineral Oil Tax etc.), Non-customs Provisions, Additional Tare

You will find more information on these subjects in the corresponding chapters of the "Remarks".

Typographical Conventions

The Swiss Working Tariff is based on a database, which restricts the range of available typographical characters. For instance, there are neither italics nor Greek characters, and square or curly brackets are replaced by usual round brackets.

The following chart shows the differences from the usual representation:

Usual representation	Used representation	Example of the usual representation	Example of the used representation
B_1, B_2, etc.	B1, B2, etc.	Vitamin B_1	Vitamin B1
N^1, N^2, etc.	N'1, N'2, etc.	N^4-Benzylsulfanilamide	N'4-Benzylsulfanilamide
D, L, DL	D, L, DL	DL-Kynurenin	DL-Kynurenin

| Greek characters, for instance α, β, etc. | alpha-, beta-, etc. | α-Azoisobutyronitrile | alpha-Azoisobutyronitrile |
| {[( )]} | ((( ))) | Dimethyl{2[1-phenyl-1(2-pyridyl)ethoxy]-ethyl}amine | Dimethyl(2-(1-phenyl-1(2-pyridyl)ethoxy)-ethyl)amine |