



Customs facilitation and customs security

As long as there is no agreement between the UK and the EU along the lines of the existing customs facilitation and security agreement¹ between Switzerland and the EU, the UK will no longer belong to the common security area between Switzerland, Norway and the EU, and has third-country status.

- Consignments by land or air from Switzerland into the UK must be registered in advance with the Federal Customs Administration (FCA) in the same way as consignments to other third countries in accordance with the terms of the existing customs facilitation and security agreement. Any security checks will be conducted before the goods enter Switzerland.
- From 1 January 2022, safety and security declarations are required for imports into the UK. Details can be found in the [Border Operating Model](#) (section 3.1.5).
- For consignments by land from the UK into Switzerland, the EU requires prior notification of consignments entering an EU country and conducts security checks as necessary, as is the case for consignments from other third countries. Since the goods then already are in the common security area, no further customs security measures have to be taken when they are imported into Switzerland.
- Consignments by air from the UK into Switzerland will have to be declared to the FCA prior to crossing the border, as is the case for consignments from other third countries under the terms of the existing customs facilitation and security agreement. Any security checks will take place after the arrival of the goods in Switzerland. However, further security controls will be waived if these goods are subsequently forwarded from an airport in Switzerland to the EU.
- Switzerland and the UK have concluded a bilateral agreement on mutual recognition of Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) status, which came into force on 1 September 2021. Information on AEO status can be found [here](#) (in German).

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¹ [SR 0.631.242.05](#)