

Swiss regulation on measures in connection with the situation in Ukraine (SR 946.231.176.72, from 04.03.2022)

Dear Sir / Madam,

In the fourth quarter of 2023, we already informed you about EU regulation (EU) no. 833/2014 on measures in connection with the situation in Ukraine from 30 September 2023 and that Switzerland has also adopted this sanctions package. Link Fedlex: Regulation from March, 4 2022 (available in German, Italian and French).

It indicates that the import, transport and purchase of iron and steel products which have been processed in a third country and incorporate iron and steel products originating in or consigned from the Russian Federation shall be prohibited. Compliance with the sanction must, therefore, likewise be ensured when products are imported into Switzerland.

On 29 February 2024, we were informed at short notice by the Federal Office for Customs and Border Security (FOCBS) that from 1 March 2024, proof of the non-Russian origin of processed iron and steel pre-products, diamonds and products containing diamonds from third countries must be declared in the import customs declaration. Link e-dec: Information for freight forwarders on document coding, e-dec, proof and embargo. (available in German, Italian and French).

In order to fulfil the obligation in the import customs declaration, we recommend that you take a close look at the sanctions and check the following four points:

1. Is the product I want to import classified under the correct tariff number?
2. Is the product I want to import subject to the requirement for proof in accordance with Appendix 17 or Appendix 27a of the Swiss regulation?
3. Is the product to be imported into Switzerland from a third country?
4. Have I instructed my foreign supplier to provide proof in accordance with SECO's interpretation guide for sanction measures (admin.ch) (see 2.2.4 or 2.4.2 and 2.4.3) along with the customs clearance documents if 1. to 3. are

Z.T.2 and Z.T.3) along with the customs clearance documents if 1. to 6. are fulfilled?

Proof in the event of business correspondence: We recommend that you ensure that there is a clear connection between the correspondence and the products. The Swiss customs offices reserve the right to ask for proof when the import customs declaration is made and to decide whether this proof will be accepted.

By providing our information we would like to help you avoid delays due to customs clearance prior to delivery. If you have any queries, your known contact at DB Schenker in Switzerland will be happy to help.

Kind regards,



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