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# 2026 SWITZERLAND REGULATORY CHANGES

## OVERVIEW

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The Swiss Customs Authority is introducing new Precious Metal Control (PMC) rules **from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026**. These rules apply at brand level. They ensure that **all** shipments **imported** into Switzerland from the Rest of World — including Business-to-Business, Business-to-Consumer, and Consumer-to-Consumer shipments — **that contain precious metals** are correctly linked to a **registered brand owner**. The PMC regulations **do not affect** exports from Switzerland to the Rest of World. The following information must be included on the Commercial Invoice only:



- **Responsibility Mark** (Authorisation Number) at line-item level on the Commercial Invoice
- **Registered brand or brand-owner name** at line-item level on the Commercial Invoice
- **Goods description including the precious metal details** (what the item is made of, percentage of precious metals) at line-item level on the Commercial Invoice and within the shipment data

Shipments from brands that are not registered with the Swiss Precious Metal Control (PMC) authority, **cannot** be customs cleared for import into Switzerland.

### WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR YOU?

#### Shippers

Shippers from Rest of World to Switzerland must ensure that all Precious Metal Control (PMC) details (authorisation number, brand name, material) appears clearly on commercial invoice:

- **Responsibility Mark** (Authorisation Number)
- **Registered brand or brand-owner name**
- **Good goods description:** including the precious metal details (what the item is made of, percentage of precious metals)

For example:

- ✓ Example: Silver ring, 925 sterling silver, brand XYZ, Responsibility Mark CH-12345
- ✗ Example: "Silver-coloured ring"

As this information is required on the commercial invoice, **if it does not clearly specify the required PMC details** (authorisation number, brand name, material) and the shipment is suspected to contain precious metals, **the shipment will be delayed for customs clearance while DHL confirms with the shipper whether the item falls under PMC rules.**

#### Receivers

Receivers in Switzerland should be aware that Precious Metal Control (PMC) -regulated goods can only be imported if the shipper provides the correct Responsibility Mark information. Missing details may result in clearance delays, as DHL will not accept PMC information from the receiver, it must be included on the shipper's commercial invoice.

### HOW CAN YOU AVOID DELAYS?

#### ➤ Shippers (from Rest of World to Switzerland shall):

- ✓ Ensure the required PMC details (authorisation number, brand name, material) are listed on the commercial invoice where applicable.
- ✓ Provide a complete and accurate goods description.
- ✓ Confirm in advance whether the product contains precious metals.
- ✓ Verify that the brand is properly registered in the Swiss PMC system.
- ✓ If the commercial invoice clearly states no precious metals (e.g., 100% steel, aluminium alloy), DHL can process the shipment

 **For additional information, please consult the Swiss Government website below:**

- [Swiss Government website](#)

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