

Would you like to carry out an exceptional transport in Switzerland? Find the facts here!

1) Authorization

A special permit is required as soon as the following standard dimensions are exceeded:
From: 18.75 m length, 2.55 m width, 4.0 m height or 40 tons. Weight. Info: www.astra@admin.ch

2) Transport escort instead of police escort

A Swiss Exceptional Transport Companion (ATB) is required from a length of 35 m, a width of 3.8 m or a height of 4.8 m (section 5 / 90). Depending on the size and weight, the authorities may require an ATB or, in the case of No 7 and 8, a self-accompaniment.

3) Local knowledgeable person

The number 31 means that a local person must be present. People who drive the route regularly and know possible obstacles by heart are considered to be familiar with the area.

4) Marking

Four 40 x 40 cm large and 10 cm wide striped panels are required, at the outermost points, left/right and front/back. At night: lighting to the front white, to the rear red.

5) Labeling

Vehicle lettering (e.g. "Convoi Exceptionnel") is not necessary. Since January 1, 2021, the red and white warning flags on the front of the towing vehicle are no longer required in Switzerland.

6) Danger light

Required are 2 yellow rotating lights (or an LED roof bar) on the roof and 1 hazard light at the rear of the trailer. All lighting must comply with EC guidelines.

7) Highways

If the transport is not higher than 4.3 m, the motorway can usually be used. If the width is 3.0 m or more, the motorway is not allowed to be used between 6:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. / 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

8) Night driving

If the transport has a width of more than 4.5 m, a night journey will be arranged. The same applies if the transport goes through the Gotthard Tunnel and has a height of over 4.0 m.

9) Construction sites

All motorway construction sites can be accessed online in "Truckinfo": www.truckinfo.ch
(For example, the date and the desired width can be selected on the left side).

10) Language

The driver (or passenger) must speak German fluently. If this is not the case, the transport attendants must speak the truck driver's language or have an interpreter with them.

11) Control

The transport attendant is obliged to carry out the following checks before departure:
height, width, length, weight, lighting, load securing, ID-cards, permits and ability to drive.

12) Defects

If defects are found in the vehicle - or if the dimensions do not correspond to the permit - the transport may not set off. (A new permit must be obtained, this takes about 5 days).

13) Backup

The load must be secured with sufficient chains or straps depending on the weight. (80% forward, 50% to the side). Sharp edges or points must be protected.

14) Police

Every transport must be reported to the police in writing by the transport attendant 24 hours before departure. The special permit must be attached as an attachment.

15) Registration

Before the journey - and before each transit through a new canton - the transport attendant must also inform the respective police headquarters by telephone about the impending transport.

16) ATB Trasec AG:

We would be happy to support you as a transport companion, as a self-accompaniment or as a "local person". ATB Trasec AG is a member of the Association of Transp. Attendants: www.vatb.ch

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