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ALLEMAGNE ET SUISSE

Arrangement douanier provisoire.
Signé à Berne, le 6 novembre 1925.

**GERMANY
AND SWITZERLAND**

Provisional Customs Agreement.
Signed at Berne, November 6, 1925.

¹ TRANSLATION.

No. 1262. — PROVISIONAL CUSTOMS AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE
GERMAN REICH AND SWITZERLAND. SIGNED AT BERNE,
NOVEMBER 6, 1925.

THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT and THE SWISS GOVERNMENT have agreed to open negotiations at Berlin in December 1925, for the conclusion of a Customs treaty, and as a preliminary thereto, to hold conversations in Munich in November 1925, regarding the duties on embroidery and the embroidery finishing trade. In order to facilitate the mutual exchange of goods pending the conclusion of the Customs treaty, the two Governments have further agreed to make provisional arrangements for this period forthwith in respect of a number of Customs duties. For this purpose through their undersigned Plenipotentiaries :

FOR THE GERMAN GOVERNMENT :

Herr Joachim WINDEL, Councillor of Legation in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs ;

FOR THE SWISS GOVERNMENT :

Herr W. STUCKI, Director of the Commercial Section in the Federal Department for Economic Affairs ;

Professor E. LAUR, Director of the Swiss Peasants Union ;

Dr. E. WETTER, Delegate of the Central Office of the Swiss Association of Trade and Industry ;

M. A. GASSMANN, Director-General of Customs ;

They have agreed as follows :

Article 1.

Swiss products of the soil and of industry set forth in Annex A shall not, upon import into German Customs territory, pay any higher duties than those specified in the said Annex.

Article 2.

German products of the soil and of industry set forth in Annex B shall not, upon import into Swiss Customs territory, pay any higher duties than those specified in the said Annex.

Article 3.

The present Agreement shall be ratified. It shall enter into force on the day following the exchange of the instruments of ratification, which shall take place at Berne as soon as possible, and it shall remain in operation until it is replaced by a definitive Customs treaty or until it is terminated by denunciation. It may be denounced by the giving of one month's notice at any time after February 1, 1926.

Done in duplicate at Berne on November 6, 1925.

(L. S.) (Signed) WINDEL.

(L. S.) (Signed) W. STUCKI.

(L. S.) (Signed) Ernst LAUR.

(L. S.) (Signed) Ernst WETTER.

(L. S.) (Signed) A. GASSMANN.

¹ Translated by the Secretariat of the League of Nations.

ANNEX A.

DUTIES ON IMPORTATION INTO GERMAN CUSTOMS TERRITORY.

German Tariff Number	Description of Goods	Duty per 100 kg. in Reichsmarks
ex 47	<p>Apples and pears, fresh :</p> <p>Unpacked :</p> <p>Apples, from September 25 to December 31</p> <p>Pears, from September 1 to November 15</p> <p>Packed :</p> <p>Apples :</p> <p>Only in bags of at least 50 kg. (gross weight) :</p> <p>From September 25 to December 31</p> <p>From January 1 to September 24</p> <p>Otherwise packed</p> <p>Pears :</p> <p>Only in bags of at least 50 kg. (gross weight) :</p> <p>From September 1 to November 15</p> <p>From November 16 to August 31</p> <p>Otherwise packed</p> <p><i>Note.</i> Fresh apples and pears are treated as unpacked if they are imported loose in railway trucks not provided with compartments.</p> <p>Fresh apples and pears are treated as packed and as being only in bags of at least 50 kg. gross weight if imported loose in railway trucks simply divided by perpendicular walls and in which the number of compartments does not exceed five.</p> <p>These goods are still treated in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2, even if the floors and side-walls of the railway trucks and the top layer of the fruit consignments are strewn or covered with straw, paper or similar packing materials.</p>	<p>2.—</p> <p>2.—</p> <p>3.—</p> <p>12.—</p> <p>12.—</p> <p>3.—</p> <p>12.—</p> <p>12.—</p>
ex 103	<p>Cattle belonging to the large dappled (<i>Höhenfleckvieh</i>) or brown race :</p> <p>Those reared at an altitude of at least 300 metres above sea level and having had at least one month's grazing each year, at an altitude of at least 800 metres above sea level :</p> <p>Bulls destined for breeding purposes in agricultural undertakings</p> <p>Cows and other female animals (heifers, etc.), more than 1 ½ years old, destined for breeding purposes in agricultural undertakings or at milk establishments</p> <p>Cows and other female animals (heifers, etc.), more than 1 ½ years old, destined for farmers of the Bavarian districts of Lindau, Kempten, Sonthofen, Oberdorf, Füssen, Kaufbeuren, Schongau and Landsberg on the Lech; and of the Bavarian town districts of Lindau, Kempten, Kaufbeuren and Landsberg on the Lech, for their own establishments. . . .</p>	<p>per head</p> <p>9.—</p> <p>40.—</p> <p>40.—</p>

German Tariff Number	Description of Goods	Duty per 100 kg. in Reichsmarks
ex 103	<p>Young female cattle, from 6 weeks to 1½ years old :</p> <p>For breeding purposes in agricultural establishments</p> <p>For farmers of the above-mentioned Bavarian districts and town districts, for their own establishments</p> <p><i>Notes.</i> 1. As large dappled cattle are considered the dappled varieties included in the brachycephalic class, as brown cattle are understood those included in the dolichocephalic class, especially those in the Alpine cattle class, the coat of which varies from silver grey to dark brown or blackish brown in shade, and which have the following characteristics : black muzzle, with a very light brown, almost white, margin ; black hoofs ; black-tipped horns, and dark-tipped tail.</p> <p>2. On clearing large dappled cattle and brown cattle at the specific rates it is necessary, in cases of doubt and on the request of the Customs authorities, to prove by official certificates, or any other suitable means, that the conditions relating to the rearing and grazing at the prescribed altitudes have been fulfilled.</p> <p>3. Slaughtering is not considered as use in agricultural establishments. If any animals of the large dappled or brown race, imported at a specific rate of duty, have been slaughtered within a year after importation except in necessary cases, the importer must pay the difference between this rate and the amount which the general tariff rate per 100 kg. live weight would give. The live weight of cattle cleared at a specific rate shall be determined at the time of importation.</p>	<p>per head</p> <p>24.—</p> <p>24.—</p>
ex 135	<p>Cheese in the piece, in packets of 2½ kg. gross, or less</p>	<p>Duty per 100 kg, etc.</p> <p>30.—</p>
	<p>Hard cheese in the shape of a millstone, weighing 40 kg at least each</p>	<p>22.—</p>
ex 204	<p>Chocolate, even with addition of spices, medicaments, or the like ; also milk chocolate — all these articles in any form (tablets, bonbons, etc.)</p>	<p>140.—</p>
208	<p>Condensed milk, with or without the addition of sugar</p>	<p>40.—</p>
ex 219	<p>Condensed milk in tins</p>	<p>40.—</p>
ex 316	<p>Carbide of calcium</p>	<p>4.25</p>
ex 317 (o)	<p>Ferrosilicon containing :</p>	
	<p>More than 50 % and up to 80 % of silicon</p>	<p>2.—</p>
	<p>More than 80 % of silicon</p>	<p>1.—</p>
ex 405	<p>Close woven tissues, not elsewhere mentioned in the tariff ; not printed ; not watered ; not goffered :</p> <p>Wholly of silk :</p> <p>Ribbons :</p> <p>More than 3 cm. wide</p>	<p>2,500.—</p>

German Tariff Number	Description of Goods	Duty per 100 kg. in Reichsmarks
ex. 405 (Cont'd.)	3 cm. or less wide	3,000.—
	Crêpe, in so far as it is not classified as open woven tissue under tariff No. 408	2,350.—
	Other	2,100.—
	Partly of silk :	
	Ribbons :	
	More than 3 cm. wide	1,600.—
	3 cm. or less.	1,800.—
	Crêpe, in so far as it is not classified as open woven tissue under tariff No. 408	1,700.—
	Other	1,600.—
ex 408	Open woven tissues, not mentioned elsewhere in the tariff (gauze, crêpe, veiling and the like) ; not printed ; not watered ; not goffered ; weighing more than 20 gr. per sq. metre :	
	Wholly of silk	2,350.—
	Partly of silk	1,700.—
ex 432	Tissues of wool or other animal hair, even mixed with textile materials or yarns of vegetable origin, provided that they do not fall under Nos. 427-431, weighing 200 gr. or less per sq. metre	380.—
ex 440	Cotton yarn, single, unbleached :	
	Imported from Switzerland up to a maximum quantity of 650,000 kg. in six calendar months :	
	Over No. 47 and up to No. 63 English	40.—
	Over No. 63 and up to No. 83 English	50.—
	Imported from Switzerland up to a maximum quantity of 60,000 kg. in six calendar months :	
	More than No. 83 and up to No. 102 English	60.—
	More than No. 102 English	52.—
	Note to Ex. 440. — Authority to clear these yarns at the rates indicated above shall be limited to three Custom-houses which shall be specified by agreement between the two countries.	
	For the period ending December 31, 1925, the rates specified above will be applicable to one-sixth of the maximum quantity fixed.	
	Ex 453/7. Tissues of cotton, even mixed with other vegetable yarns or textile materials or with horse-hair, but not mixed with silk, wool or other animal hair, provided they do not fall under Nos. 445-452 :	
ex 453/7	Flat stitch cotton tissues (<i>plumetis</i>)	200.—
	Note. — As flat stitch (<i>plumetis</i>) tissues are considered broche cotton tissues, in which the weft threads of the patterns woven in the stuff are completely free at least on one side of the pattern or parts of the pattern and partly free on the other side, the height of the pattern, measured between two consecutive points of crossing of the warp threads of the pattern, not exceeding 18 mm. Brocheing threads visible in part only on one side of the tissue are considered as "free", even if such visibility is produced by a single warp thread.	
	Note 5 of General Notes to the Fifth Class of the General Tariff does not apply to flatstitch tissues.	
	In the case of flatstitch tissues, double width and cut in finishing, in pieces of half the width, the hems necessary to prevent the edges fraying are not taken into account.	

German Tariff Number	Description of Goods	Duty per 100 kgs in Reichsmarks
ex 454	Unbleached cotton tissues other than flatstitch (<i>plumetis</i>) tissues, weighing 40 gr. or more, but less than 80 gr. per sq. metre : and having in warp and weft together in a square of 5 mm. side :	
	35 threads or less	155.—
	More than 35 and up to 44 threads	205.—
	More than 44 threads	260.—
ex 895	Hand-knitting machines, without frames ; heads of knitting machines, also parts of heads (except needles)	35.— per unit
929	Watches, including wristlet watches, even with chimes :	
	In gold cases :	each
	Wristlet watches	5.50
	Other :	
	If the greatest external diameter of centre of the case does not exceed 3½ cm.	5.50
	Other	11.—
	In silver cases, even gilt or with gilt edges, rings or heads	3.50
	In cases of common metal or alloys of common metal, even gilt, silvered or with gilt or silvered edges, rings and heads ; in cases of other materials	2.50
930	Cases for watches and wristlet watches :	
	Gold cases for wristlet watches	4.—
	Gold cases for other watches, if the greatest diameter of the centre of the case does not exceed 3½ cm.	4.—
	Other gold cases	9.50
	Silver cases	2.—
	Cases of common metals or alloys of common metal, even gilt, silvered or with gilt edges, rings or heads ; cases of other materials	1.—

ANNEX B.

DUTIES ON IMPORTATION INTO SWISS CUSTOMS TERRITORY.

Swiss Tariff Number	Description of Goods	Duty per 100 kg. in francs
68 (b)	Crystallised sugar, grape sugar (starch sugar), solid, sugar candy . .	7.—
68 (c)	Crushed sugar	8.—
69	Sugar in loaves, tablets, lumps, etc; waste from refined sugar . . .	10.—
70	Sugar cut or in fine powder	13.—
73	Edible oils other than olive oil; in receptacles of all kinds weighing more than 10 kg.	10.—
179	Leather for uppers of boots and shoes (<i>Oberleder</i>); calf leather, chrome- tanned, blackened or shagreened (box calf)	80.—
181	Other leather for uppers of boots and shoes of all kinds (<i>Oberleder</i>) not coming under Nos. 178-180.	20.—
222	Firewood, twigs, tree-bark; of resinous trees	—.05
261	Joiners' wares, furniture and parts thereof (except wicker furniture and chairs of bent beechwood specified in No. 264 (b)); solid or veneered, even if wholly or in part of bent wood: with moulding; beading, engraved or chiselled, rough	50.—
268 (b)	Luxury and fancy articles; cabinetmakers' wares (cabinets for knick- knacks, smokers' cabinets, cabinets for flowers, small chests, caskets, jewel cases, boxes, etc.), other than those combined with textile materials, trimmings or upholstery	100.—
283	Paint brushes of all kinds	50.—
290	Fibrous materials for the manufacture of paper, obtained by chemical processes (cellulose, straw pulp, esparto, etc.) wet or dry, unbleached	4.50
303	Cardboard weighing per sq. metre from 200-300 grammes inclusive . .	27.—
308	Paper and cardboard cut in strips not more than 25 centimetres wide, in rolls or not	50.—
312	Paper, cardboard and pasteboard: printed or lithographed: In a single colour: in loose sheets or sewn	90.—
	Paper, cardboard and pasteboard: printed by other processes (photo- types, protogravures, engravings on steel, copper, etc.):	
316	In loose sheets or sewn	150.—
333	Envelopes in boxes, caskets, etc., with or without note paper (stationery)	120.—
395 (b)	Cork carpets (linoleum), other than in the mass, of several colours . .	30.—
	Woollen yarn:	
	Unbleached:	
462	Single	20.—
463	Of several threads	25.—
	Bleached, dyed, printed, etc.:	
467	Single	50.—
ex 482 (b)	Carpets and rugs woven with wool, provided they do not fall under Nos. 481-482 (a)	150.—
	Hosiery and knitted wares, with or without needlework:	
	Of cotton, linen, ramie, etc.:	
537	Gloves	300.—
539	Other than gloves, socks and stockings	200.—

Swiss Tariff Number	Description of Goods	Duty per 100 kg. in francs
<i>539 (Contd.)</i>		
	Of silk :	
540	Gloves	800.—
541	Socks and stockings	800.—
	Of wool :	
544	Socks and stockings	300.—
548	Clothing for men and boys, of wool	360.—
551	Clothing for women and girls, of wool	400.—
635 (a)	Insulating tubes of paper or paper pulp with sheath of common metal	60.—
679	Insulators, china	1.50
681	Articles of pottery, not otherwise mentioned	40.—
691 (a)	Bottles of black, brown or green glass	8.—
693	Hollow-ware and glassware, uncut or with the bottoms only ground, or with ground stoppers or furnished also with a mark, name or figure, if not engraved : of colourless glass (white)	18.—
694 (c)	Hollow-ware and glassware, cut, engraved, coloured, gilt, etc., even if combined with other materials except precious metals : other than dry photographic plates or watch glasses	50.—
759	Tools and implements of iron not otherwise mentioned ; other than those falling under Nos. 747-756, each weighing from 0.5 to 2 kg. . Manufactures of sheet iron, wire : ironmongers' and tinsmiths' manu- factures not otherwise mentioned : iron :	35 —
788 (b)	Tin or zinc-plated, copper-plated or nickelled : other than elastic mattress springs of copper-plated iron	45.—
789 (b)	Painted, varnished, bronzed, gilt : other than those falling under No. 789 (a)	45.—
790	Enamelled	65.—
	Copper, pure or alloyed, hammered, rolled, drawn :	
817	In bars and sheets : copper solder	10.—
819	Pipes	15.—
835	Wares of copper or copper alloys not otherwise mentioned : polished, dull	80.—
861	Wares of nickel or nickel alloys, wares of " new silver ", alfenide, and " alpaka "	90.—
886	Weaving machinery such as for reeling, warping, for dressing and pre- paring size, for dressing ; machines for measuring and folding tissues : shaft and Jacquard machinery with the exception of looms	15.—
887	Knitting machines, machines for making hosiery and for darning	20.—
890 (b)	Machines for typographic printing and other graphic processes : book- binding machines not falling under No. 890 (a)	10.—
893 (b)	Agricultural machinery not otherwise mentioned, provided it does not come under No. 893 (a)	20.—
	Dynamo-electrical machines and electrical transformers of all kinds : weighing each :	
894 (a)	50,000 kg. or more	15.—
894 (b)	From 10,000 to 50,000 kg. exclusive	15.—
895 (a)	From 2,500 to 10,000 kg. exclusive	20.—
896 (a)	From 500 to 2,500 kg. exclusive	20.—
898 (c)	Worked or finished parts of machines and of machine tools, not other- wise mentioned, weighing less than 100 kg. each	20.—
ex 914 (d)	Electric cars	150.—
928	Clocks for standing or hanging	85.—
929	Alarms.	85.—

Swiss Tariff Number	Description of Goods	Duty per 100 kg. in francs
ex 974 (b)	Hexamethylenetetramin, methyl sulphonal, phenacitine, sulphonal, salol, provided they do not come under No. 981	20.—
981	Pharmaceutical preparations not otherwise mentioned, such as powders, pastilles, plasters, pills, ointments, syrups, tinctures, pharmaceutical fruit essences, preparations of fatty oils, <i>extracta fluida, sicca et spissa</i> , essences, liniments, lotions, specialities, suppositories, tisanes, medicinal wines	100.—
1059	Methylic alcohol (wood spirit, chemically pure) collodion; organic combinations of bromine, chlorine and iodine, phosgene, and other similar organic prepared substances and manufactures, not otherwise mentioned	3.—
1078	Flour of potatoes, sago and tapioca; potato, sago, and tapioca starch; raw, on proof of use for industrial purposes	1.—
1098	Colours from anilin, anthracene, naphthaline and coal tar colours, not otherwise mentioned	20.—
1099	Indigo, natural or artificial; solution of indigo	10.—
1155 (b)	Black and coloured pencils, put together, with casing of wood or paper: writing chalks	50.—
1160	Toys of all kinds, except boxes of bricks	55.—
ex 1160	Boxes of bricks	50.—