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Transporters of waste: no obligation to register in Switzerland

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Evidence that the transport company is registered

The competent authorities in the importing and transit states within the EU require the waste transport carriers to be registered, and they require evidence of liability insurance and environmental liability insurance (to cover damage to bodies of water) from the transport services used for the shipment (including the vehicle licence number) and a transport licence. The EU member states do not in every case accept registration in a different member state.

Switzerland does not have a licence obligation for waste transport carriers. Neither Swiss nor foreign transport carriers need to register for the transport of waste within Switzerland. Swiss companies that carry out transboundary waste transports must consult the competent authority in the relevant EU member states.

Transport of hazardous goods

Road transport

- European Agreement concerning the International Carriage of Dangerous Goods by Road (ADR ; SR 0.741.621)
- Ordinance on the Transport of Hazardous Goods by Road (SDR ; 741.621)

Rail transport

- Ordinance for the International Transport of Dangerous Goods by Rail (RID)
- Ordinance on the Carriage of Hazardous Goods by Rail and Aerial Railway (RSD; 742.412)

Overland transport agreement

The overland transport agreement between Switzerland and the EU allows a foreign carrier to load and export goods in Switzerland⁴¹. National cabotage operations are however not allowed, i.e. a foreign carrier is not allowed to transport goods between two destinations within the country. This prohibition also applies to waste.