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# Switzerland-China free trade agreement

## Direct transport (update, state: 1.10.2015)

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### 1 Basis

The Switzerland-China free trade agreement entered into force on 1 July 2014. Due to differing interpretations, problems were encountered when applying the direct transport regulations in accordance with [Article 3.13](#) of the main Agreement. Several expert meetings took place to alleviate the problem for Swiss exporters, and it was possible to find a solution for a large proportion of export consignments.

### 2 Proof of direct transport to China

#### 2.1 Air freight only consignments

For consignments which are transported

- only by air freight and
- are covered by an air waybill for the entire journey from Switzerland to China,

the air waybill will be recognised as proof of direct transport.

#### 2.2 Consignments other than air freight only

##### 2.2.1 Consignments with origin declaration (only approved exporters)

The following documents may be submitted as proof of direct transport:

- Commercial document with the origin declaration, supplemented with the following information:
  - precise transport route between Switzerland and China and
  - number(s) of the Swiss export customs declaration(s).

This document must be identical to the document transmitted via EACN (approved exporter data exchange with China).

- In the case of transport via the EU: additionally a copy of the T1 form or a copy of the CIM Consignment Note is required (conditions in case of the CIM Consignment Note: it is issued in Switzerland and the case in box 58 b) is marked with a cross)

### **2.2.2 Consignments with EUR. 1 movement certificates**

For consignments such as these, the wording of Article 3.13 continues to apply, which leaves it to the customs administration of the importing contracting party to decide whether or not the conditions have been fulfilled and which documents have to be submitted.

These rules are effective immediately.

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