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Maintenance of equivalence on official controls by Switzerland

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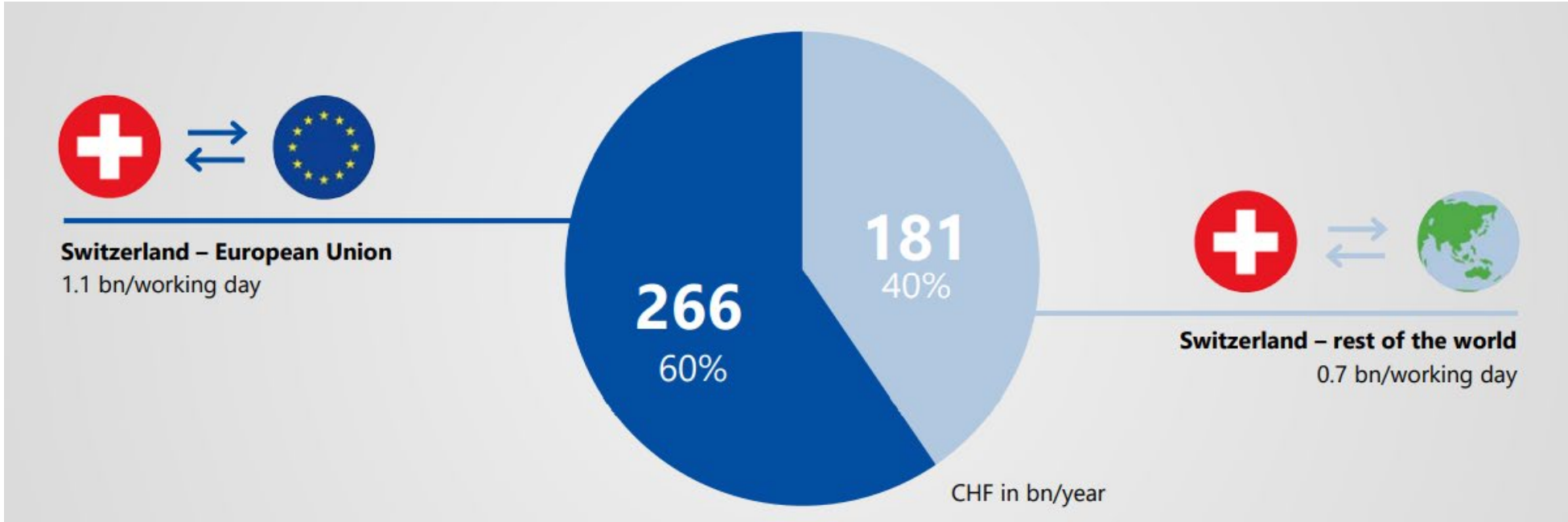
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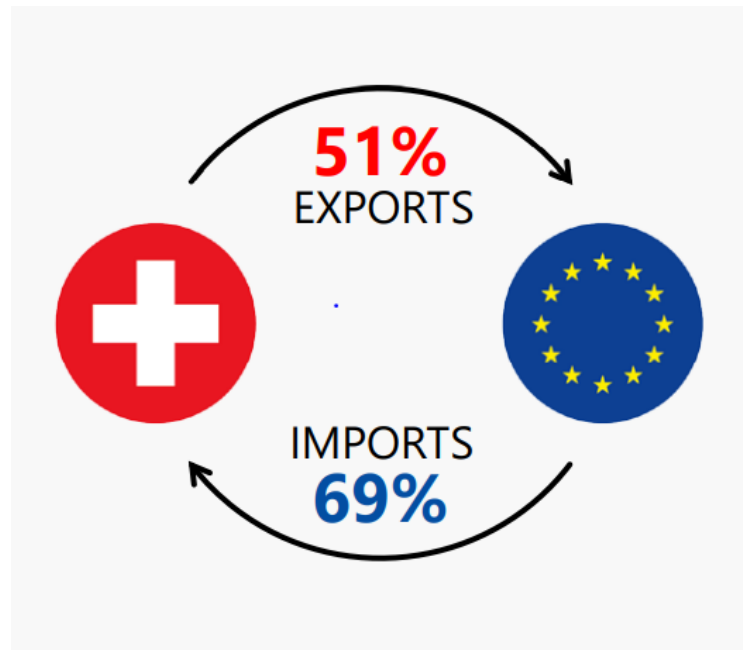
1. Agreement on trade in agricultural products (EU/CH)

The EU: Switzerland's most important partner!





Trade - in agricultural products



- **60 % of all Swiss exports in agricultural products go to the EU**
- **77 % of all Swiss imports in agricultural products come from the EU**



1. Agreement on trade in agricultural products (EU/CH)

Control of import- consignments from third countries at Swiss BCP:

BCP (2019)	Zürich	Geneva
Live animals	740	469
Products	6'296	921



1. Agreement on trade in agricultural products (EU/CH)

History:

- 1995** First autonomous alignments by Switzerland
- 2002** Entering into force of the Agreement
- 2006** Equivalence “hygiene package”
- 2009** Common Veterinary Area (abolition of veterinary border controls)
- 2010 ..** Updating of the Agreement (2013, 2015, 2018)
- To come** Enlargement of the Agreement to the whole food chain



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ANNEX 11

ON ANIMAL-HEALTH AND ZOOTECHNICAL MEASURES APPLICABLE TO TRADE IN LIVE ANIMALS AND ANIMAL PRODUCTS (Veterinary Agreement)

1. measures for the control and notification of certain animal diseases;
2. trade in and imports from third countries of live animals, their semen, ova and embryos;
3. trade in animal products.



2. Structure official controls EU and CH

Regulation on Official Controls (EU) 2017/625

Plant Health and Plant Protection	Organic Production	Protected Designations	Feed Safety	Animal Health	Animal Welfare	ABP	Food Safety	Import Export Transit	MANCP
Federal Office for Agriculture (FOAG)				Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (FSVO)				FOAG	FOAG
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2. Overview Official Controls

FSVO

O on National Control Plan for the Food Chain and Utility Articles

O on Epizootic Diseases

O on Animal Protection

O on Foodstuffs and Utility Articles

O on the Implementation of Foodstuffs Legislation

O on Slaughter and Meat Inspection, O on hygienic slaughtering,

O on the MRL for Pesticides in/on Plant and Animal Products

O on Import, Transit and Export of Animals and Animal Products in exchanges with Third Countries, O on.. with EU MS, IL, NO



3. Adjustments of legislation

- Comparison table regulation 2017/625 and Swiss acts / ordinances
- Identify gaps and necessary adjustments

Règlement (UE) 2017/625 sur les contrôles officiels – étude de la nécessité d'un amendement de la législation suisse dans les domaines des denrées alimentaires et objets usuels, de la protection des animaux et des épizooties ¶

Résumé ¶

Besoins de modifications de la loi fédérale sur les denrées alimentaires et les objets usuels (LDAI; RS 817.0): ¶

Il n'est pas nécessaire de modifier la LDAI afin de garantir une pleine équivalence avec le Règlement européen sur les contrôles officiels. La Suisse a mis en route une modification de la législation douanière modifiant la LDAI et qui permettra, dans un proche avenir, des investigations sous couverture dans le domaine de la sécurité alimentaire. ¶

Besoins de modifications des ordonnances du droit alimentaire (notamment ODAIOUs; OELDAI; etc.): ¶

Vu que différents textes légaux ont déjà été modifiés et harmonisés avec le Règlement européen sur les contrôles officiels, les ordonnances suisses révisées permettent de garantir l'équivalence avec la législation européenne. Le cas échéant, des modifications ponctuelles pourront être nécessaires. ¶

Besoins de modifications de la loi fédérale sur la protection des animaux (LPA): ¶

Il n'est pas nécessaire de modifier la LPA pour garantir une pleine équivalence avec le Règlement européen sur les contrôles officiels dans les domaines du transport et de l'abattage. ¶



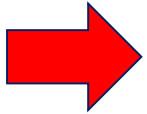
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- Already aligned with EU legislation:
 - ✓ Food legislation: food of animal origin and food of non-animal origin
 - ✓ MANCP
 - ✓ Increased controls
 - ✓ Trade (EU and third countries)



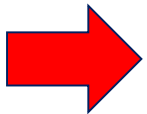
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- Amendment legislation import / export



Ordinance on the Import, Transit and Export of Animals and Animal Products in exchanges with Third Countries

Can be adapted at short notice at any time, e.g. Commission Implementing Regulations (EU) 2020/2235, (EU) 2020/2236 and (EU) 2021/xxx (TERRE) concerning certificates

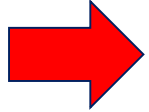


Ordinance on the Import, Transit and Export of Animals and Animal Products in exchanges with EU Member States, Iceland and Norway

Next update foreseen in April 2021; covering EU changes AHL and OCR until March 23, 2021

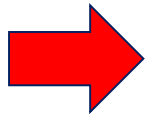


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Different minor amendments to various Ordinances needed (e.g. on Epizootic Diseases, Animal Welfare at Slaughter, etc.)

Will be adjusted during the ordinary revision procedure



Open points:

art. 35: second expert opinion

art. 36: sale by means of distance communication

art. 50: split consignment



3. Update of the agreement

- Agreement CH / EU: maintain equivalence
 - Updates since 2018, including:
 - Animal health (EU) 2016/429
 - Official controls (EU) 2017/625
 - And others
- Regular meetings with DG SANTE at technical level



4. Conclusion

On the legislative side, the Swiss provisions for official controls have already been largely aligned with requirements of (EU) 2017/625

however,

the mirroring of this equivalence in the agreement still needs to be reached between the Parties.



The free movement of animals, animal products and food of animal origin between Switzerland and the EU remains ensured on the basis of equivalent provisions.



Thank you!

