

## General Requirements for Commercial Aeroplane SPO in Switzerland

### Basic principles

- (1) For **commercial transport within Switzerland** / commercial specialized operations (SPO) a special authorisation from the Federal Customs Administration is required. They can authorise the temporary admission of foreign means of transport if the operator provides evidence that no corresponding domestic means of transport are available and the foreign means of transport are only used for a short period. Application and inquiries about **customs, tax and VAT** are to be send to: [aviatik.zuerich-flughafen-zi@ezv.admin.ch](mailto:aviatik.zuerich-flughafen-zi@ezv.admin.ch)
- (2) Operations must comply with EASA Part-SPO as well as the national requirements (see below)
- (3) For any **high-risk** commercial SPO (as defined on FOCA's webpage), the cross-border high-risk authorisation has to be extended with «Switzerland» according to ARO.OPS.150(f)
- (4) The operator must **announce all the flights/operations** at minimum ten (10) business days before the intended operation to: [sboc@bazl.admin.ch](mailto:sboc@bazl.admin.ch) (name of operator, date of operation and duration, location, type of operation, type of aircraft, crew information)
- (5) For any **flight under the minimum altitude** according to (EU) 923/2012, SERA 5005f and the article 28 (2f) of the Swiss Ordinance VRV-L; SR 748.121.11 a specific authorisation from FOCA is required. Application is to be sent to: [sboc@bazl.admin.ch](mailto:sboc@bazl.admin.ch)
- (6) For any **landing outside of an official airport** according to the Swiss Ordinance AulaV; SR 748.132.3 a specific authorisation from FOCA is required. Nonetheless, cross-border flights must always begin or end at a Swiss airport with customs facilities. Application is to be sent to [sboc@bazl.admin.ch](mailto:sboc@bazl.admin.ch)
- (7) For any **dropping of objects or liquids (spraying) during flight**, a specific authorisation from FOCA is required according to article 9 (1) of the Swiss Ordinance VRV-L; SR 748.121.11. Application is to be sent to [sboc@bazl.admin.ch](mailto:sboc@bazl.admin.ch)

#### Applicable national laws

Depending on the intended operations, following national requirements are applicable :

- Swiss aviation law SR 748
- **Flight Time Limitations (FTL):** according to chapter 4.7 of VBR I, SR 748.127.1
- **Rules of the air (SERA):** VRV-L, SR 748.121.11
- **Mountain landings:** The pilot requires a valid Swiss licence (MOU) / authorisation for landings 1100 AMSL according to art. 47, 48 and 49 of VABFP; SR 748.222.1
- **Working in Switzerland:** the conditions depend on the nationality of the person (crew member). For more details regarding registration and/or authorisation refer to: State Secretary for Migration
- **ATC / Skyguide:** Operations within controlled airspace must be announced at minimum ten (10) business days before the first flight to: <https://www.skyguide.ch/en/services>

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- **Prevention of accident and illnesses:** according to VUV, SR 832.30
- **Accident insurance:** according to UVG, SR 832.20

#### **Useful links**

- SPO in Switzerland, incl. definition of high-risk SPO: <https://www.bazl.admin.ch/spo>
- Maps of Switzerland, incl. obstacles and restricted zones: <https://map.geo.admin.ch>
- Daily Airspace Bulletins Switzerland DABS (restrictions): <https://www.skybriefing.com>