

National Carrier's Regulations

Country: SWITZERLAND

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Legal basis	Period of liability	Extent of liability / Limits	Notice of claim after receipt of damaged goods	Limitation period
Post – domestic				
«Postal services» General terms and conditions.	As specified in the «Postal services» general terms and conditions.	As specified in the «Postal services» general terms and conditions.	In general: within 8 days. For items with declared value: by the next working day after delivery, with simultaneous submission of damaged goods including packing.	1 year
Post – international				
International Postal Union Treaty and Post Office Regulations.	As specified in the International Postal Union Treaty and Post Office Regulations.	As specified in the International Postal Union Treaty and Post Office Regulations.	In general: within 7 days. For items with declared value: by the next working day after delivery, with simultaneous submission of damaged goods including packing.	1 year
Rail – domestic				
Swiss Transport Law (1985) and Transport Regulations (1986).	From collection until delivery.	CHF 150 per gross kg Delay: CHF 2000 per car, or CHF 500 per LCL consignment.	Visible damage: on delivery; concealed damage: within 7 days.	1 year
Rail – international				
Uniform Rules concerning the contract for International Carriage of Goods by Rail (CIM 1985).	From collection until delivery.	SDR 17 per kg gross, plus freight, customs and expenses; delay: 3 times the freight.	Visible damage: on delivery; concealed damage: within 7 days.	1 year
Road – domestic				
Swiss Code of Obligations (CO) Art 440 ff., unless otherwise specified.	From collection until delivery.	Loss, damage or delay: full compensation, or according to special conditions agreed.	Visible damage: on delivery; concealed damage: within 8 days.	1 year
Road – international				
Convention on the Contract for the International Carriage of Goods by Road (CMR 1956).	From collection until delivery.	SDR 8,33 per gross kg (for countries which have not ratified the Protocol: 25 gold Swiss francs per gross kg – equivalent according to national law), plus freight, customs and expenses; delay: cost of freight.	Visible damage: on delivery; concealed damage: within 7 days.	1 year

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Air freight				
Air Transport Regulations (1952)	From collection until delivery.	CHF 72.50 per kg.		
Warsaw Convention (1929), as amended by the Hague Protocol (1955) and the Montreal Protocol No. 4 (1975)	From collection until delivery.	SDR 19 per kg for damage to goods and delay. For countries which have not ratified the relevant Montreal Protocols: 250 gold Swiss francs per kg, or CHF 67.75 per kg if the air waybill is issued in Switzerland and the freight was paid in Swiss francs.	Visible damage: on delivery; concealed damage: within 7 days according to the Warsaw Convention, within 14 days according to the Hague Protocol.	2 years
Relevant IATA provisions				
Courier service				
No binding regulations; according to conditions agreed.	From collection until delivery.	Varies according to conditions.	Varies according to conditions.	Varies according to conditions.
Forwarding				
As a rule, General Conditions of the Swiss Association of Forwarding Agents (GC SAFA 2005).	From receipt until delivery.	According to GC SAFA 2005: SDR 8,33 per kg max. SDR 20'000 per occurrence.	Within 8 days, or within the time limit specified by the last forwarder.	1 year
Sea				
Swiss Maritime Code (1953 last revised 1987) integrating the Haag and Haag-Visby Rules.	From receipt to delivery.	SDR 666 2/3 per unit or SDR 2 per kg.	Visible damage: on delivery; concealed damage: within 3 days.	1 year
Hague Rules (1924)	From receipt until discharge.	100 pounds sterling (in gold) per unit or the equivalent in the country's own currency.	Visible damage: on delivery; concealed damage; within 3 days.	1 year
Hague-Visby Rules (1968) or Additional Protocol (1979).	From receipt until discharge.	SDR 666 2/3 per unit or SDR 2 per kg.	Visible damage: on delivery; concealed damage: within 3 days.	1 year
Inland shipping (Rhine)				
Swiss Rhine Shipping Conditions (SRSC) 2002	From receipt until delivery.	1 SDR / kg; 250 SDR per package or loading unit; 1500 SDR per container without goods, SDR 20000 per container incl. goods.	Visible damage: on delivery; concealed damage: within 3 working days.	1 year
Ocean Shipping Regulations Art. 44 (12.11.56)				
Combined (multimodal) transport				
No binding regulations, e.g. according to UNC-TAD/ICC Rules for Multimodal Transport Documents (ICC publ. no. 481)	Throughout	Varies according to forwarder's Through Bill of Lading (e.g. FIATA TBL, SAFA TBL, ICC TBL).	Varies	Varies