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Overview of FOCBS facts and figures 2021

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1 Security for the population

1.1 Tracing people and stolen property

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---|--------|--------|--------|
| Persons for whom an alert has been issued detained | 25,886 | 23,874 | 25,779 |
| of which persons for whom an arrest warrant has been issued | 8,740 | 8,265 | 8,673 |
| Seizure of tools used for crime, goods originating from a criminal offence and cash (number of cases) | 1,247 | 1,254 | 2,012 |

1.2 Migration

Number of cases

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Illegal residence | 12,919 | 11,010 | 18,858 |
| Clarified suspected smuggling | 405 | 380 | 478 |

1.3 Narcotics

Drugs seized (in kg)

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|----------------|------|------|------|
| Marijuana | 729 | 655 | 777 |
| Heroin | 20 | 55 | 56 |
| Cocaine | 124 | 162 | 90 |
| Amphetamines | 18 | 25 | 9 |
| Designer drugs | 55 | 23 | 30 |

1.4 Documents

Amount seized (in units)

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| Forged documents | 1,938 | 1,398 | 1,761 |
| of which passports | 292 | 142 | 201 |
| of which ID cards | 584 | 437 | 487 |
| of which residence permits | 130 | 75 | 100 |
| of which driving licences | 722 | 631 | 685 |
| of which other (e.g. vehicle registration documents, visas) | 210 | 113 | 288 |
| Misused documents | n. a. | 189 | 240 |

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1.5 Weapons Act, War Material Act and Goods Control Act and embargo measures

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|
| Number of infringements | 6,216 | 4,314 | 4,471 |
| of which Weapons Act | 6,110 | 4,206 | 4,416 |
| of which War Material Act | 28 | 27 | 9 |
| of which Goods Control Act and embargo measures | 78 | 81 | 46 |

1.6 Medications and doping substances

Consignments discovered (number)

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---|-------|-------|--------|
| Medications and doping substances | 9,012 | 7,486 | 11,263 |
| of which medications reported to Swissmedic | 7,781 | 6,733 | 9,421 |

Ranking of seized "medications"

1. Erectile dysfunction treatments (77.3 %)
2. Other medications only available on prescription (17.2 %)
3. Sleeping pills and tranquilizers (5.5 %)

Origin of the seized medications

| | |
|----------------------|------|
| Eastern Europe | 35 % |
| Asia (without India) | 28 % |
| Western Europe | 23 % |
| India | 12 % |
| Other | 2 % |

1.7 Road traffic security

Number of infringements*

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|
| Prosecuted or reported drivers | 9,128 | 8,247 | 8,815 |
| of which heavy vehicles | 2,140 | 1,813 | 1,936 |
| of which other | 6,988 | 6,434 | 6,879 |
| Prosecuted or reported cases of non-compliant vehicles and loads | 27,337 | 23,379 | 16,836 |
| of which heavy vehicles | 24,946 | 20,350 | 12,546 |
| of which other | 2,391 | 3,029 | 4,290 |

* Safety deficiencies in heavy goods vehicles, drivers who were unfit to drive, violations of the regulations on rest periods, etc.

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1.8 Plant, species and animal protection

Detections (consignments declared to the FSVO*)

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---|------|------|-------|
| Species protection (plants and animals) | 879 | 779 | 699 |
| Animal protection | 587 | 654 | 2,560 |

The FOCBS detected **4,451** consignments of prohibited plants, fruits, vegetables, cut flowers, cut foliage or seeds from third countries (outside the EU and EFTA).

* Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office, www.blv.admin.ch

2 Security for the economy

2.1 Swiss foreign trade

Overview of foreign trade (in CHF billion)

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| Exports | 312.0 | 299.5 | 347.4 |
| Imports | 276.1 | 273.8 | 295.2 |

Balance of trade – export surplus (in CHF billion)

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|--|------|------|------|
| | 35.9 | 25.7 | 52.2 |

Imports and exports by continent (in CHF billion)

| | Imports | Exports |
|---------------|---------|---------|
| Europe | 180.8 | 163.5 |
| EU | 144.9 | 145.0 |
| Germany | 57.0 | 50.5 |
| Italy | 21.8 | 18.5 |
| France | 17.7 | 17.4 |
| Asia | 62.7 | 110.2 |
| China | 18.1 | 30.2 |
| Japan | 4.8 | 7.8 |
| North America | 25.3 | 61.5 |
| USA | 22.1 | 57.6 |
| Latin America | 10.1 | 6.3 |
| Africa | 14.7 | 3.5 |
| Oceania | 1.6 | 2.5 |

The EU member states are by far the most important customers for Swiss products.

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2.2 Free trade

Switzerland has concluded **35** free trade agreements with **46** countries. Thanks to these, importers do not pay import duties on many goods.

The latest free trade agreement entered into force with Indonesia on 1 November 2021.

2.3 Commercial goods traffic

50.7 million customs declarations were processed by the FOCBS in 2021.

Customs declarations (number of assessments in millions)

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|-------------|------|------|------|
| Importation | 25.0 | 35.9 | 36.1 |
| Exportation | 6.9 | 6.6 | 6.9 |
| Transit | 8.1 | 7.5 | 7.7 |

2.4 Criminal prosecution and criminal proceedings

Sanctioned products (in kg)

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|-------------------|-------|---------|---------|
| Tobacco smuggling | n. a. | 18,017 | 20,720 |
| Meat smuggling | n. a. | 136,562 | 152,780 |

2.5 Agricultural products

False declarations or smuggling

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Cases involving merchandise | 2,115 | 2,204 | 2,100 |
| Cases in tourist traffic | 17,507 | 21,046 | 20,767 |

2.6 Precious metal control

Hallmarking of jewellery and watches (in millions of units)

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|--|------|------|------|
| National hallmark (St. Bernard dog's head) | 2.75 | 1.84 | 2.57 |
| International "common control mark" | 2.71 | 1.83 | 2.55 |

In **1,804** cases, the FOCBS objected to the quality of precious metal articles.

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2.7 Product piracy

Seized consignments

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Cases involving merchandise | 2,906 | 4,433 | 5,959 |
| Cases in tourist traffic | 2,794 | 2,246 | 2,881 |

A total of **33,285** counterfeit branded items were withdrawn from circulation, i.e. **27,354** counterfeits in commercial goods traffic and **5,931** counterfeits in tourist traffic.

Merchandise

Counterfeits by product group (in %)

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------|
| Bags, wallets | 55.8% |
| Watches, jewellery, glasses | 20.8% |
| Clothes, scarves, hats, belts | 9.2% |
| Shoes | 4.4% |
| Medicines and medicinal products | 2.4% |
| Other | 7.4% |

Tourist traffic

Counterfeits by product group (in %)

| | |
|--|-------|
| Bags, wallets | 42.3% |
| Watches, jewellery, glasses | 20.8% |
| Clothes, scarves, hats, belts | 31.3% |
| Shoes | 3.6% |
| Perfume, cosmetics, razor blades, toothbrushes | 0.6% |
| Other | 1.4% |

3 Security for the state

3.1 Receipts

Total receipts (in CHF billion)

| 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|------|------|------|
| 23.0 | 21.8 | 23.5 |

Of the Confederation's receipts of over CHF **23.5 billion**, the FOCBS generates around a third at CHF **7.5 billion** and thus ensures that the state functions properly.

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Main sources of receipts (in CHF million)

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|-----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Value added tax | 10,917 | 10,166 | 11,326 |
| Mineral oil tax | 4,498 | 4,180 | 4,486 |
| Tobacco duty | 2,042 | 2,104 | 2,149 |
| Heavy vehicle charge | 1,590 | 1,535 | 1,614 |
| CO ₂ tax on fuel | 1,166 | 1,161 | 1,155 |
| Import duties | 1,143 | 1,187 | 1,277 |
| Other receipts* | 1,653 | 1,493 | 1,502 |

* automobile duty, motorway tax stickers and beer tax, etc.

3.2 Beer and Spirits

In 2021, **1,278** breweries existed and **100,334** spirit producers were registered.

Domestic production of beer (in millions of hectolitres)

| 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|------|------|------|
| 3.67 | 3.40 | 3.38 |

CHF **28 million** of the spirits tax, known as the "alcohol tenth", flowed to the cantons to combat drug abuse.

3.3 Tobacco

Cigarette sales domestically (in millions of units)

| 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|-------|-------|-------|
| 8,950 | 9,306 | 9,132 |

3.4 QuickZoll

With the QuickZoll application, travellers can digitally declare goods they buy abroad for their own use or as gifts and pay all necessary duties and taxes – 100% independently and regardless of location. www.quickzoll.admin.ch

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Number of declarations made by travellers | 19,972 | 20,177 | 31,835 |
| Total turnover in CHF | 1,672,957 | 1,744,538 | 2,901,507 |

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4 Who works at the FOCBS?

4.1 Employees

Average number of full-time equivalents

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total | 4,481 | 4,519 | 4,442 |

At the FOCBS, the overall proportion of women (headcount) was **25.4%** in 2021.

Language ratio (in %)

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| German | 59.30 | 59.19 | 58.99 |
| French | 26.00 | 26.04 | 26.04 |
| Italian | 14.00 | 14.11 | 14.33 |
| Romansh | 0.70 | 0.66 | 0.64 |

4.2 International assignments

75 employees were involved overseas in security activities or training.

| | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|
| Frontex | | | |
| Deploys total | 34 | 36 | 65 |
| Deployment days total | 1 116 | 1 415 | 2 341 |
| Airline Liaison Officers (ALO) | | | |
| Deploys total | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Internationale Missionen und Verbindungsoffiziere, Attachés | | | |
| Deploys total | 4 | 3 | 4 |

4.3 Specialist in customs and border security

72 aspirants commenced their career with the FOCBS in 2021. The new qualification will enable them to carry out comprehensive checks on goods, people and means of transport.

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4.4 You will find the FOCBS here

Are you looking for further information? You will find more information at www.bazg.admin.ch. The website attracted around **4.7 million** visitors in 2021.

How to find us and when exactly we are there can be found online at www.zollauskunft.admin.ch. Last year, the Information Office answered **31,390** emails and **150,688** telephone calls. This amounts to **596** enquiries, with each call lasting around **3** minutes on average. Information is provided in English, French, German and Italian.

Customs Information Office

Tel.: +41 58 467 15 15

Monday to Friday

8am to 11.30am and 1.30pm to 5pm

5 A day at the Swiss border

Approximately 2,200,000 people, 1,100,000 cars and 21,000 heavy goods vehicles cross the Swiss border every day. On a daily basis, FOCBS employees collected and found:

- CHF **64.4 million** in receipts
- **91** counterfeit products
- **70** people who were wanted or had an arrest warrant issued against them
- **4** forged identity documents
- **12** prohibited weapons
- **2.6** kg of drugs
- **51** cases of illegal residence
- **30** consignments of medications or doping preparations
- **34** defective lorries

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