

Federal Act on Value Added Tax (MWSTG)

Switzerland - 2024 Edition

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1. General Provisions

Article 1 - Scope

This Act governs value added tax on goods and services supplied in Switzerland.

Article 2 - Taxable Person

A taxable person is anyone who supplies goods or services for consideration in Switzerland.

2. Taxable Transactions

Article 3 - Supply of Goods

Supply of goods includes:

- Sale of goods
- Transfer of goods
- Self-supply of goods

Article 4 - Supply of Services

Supply of services includes:

- Professional services
- Consulting services
- Digital services
- Other services

3. Tax Rates

Article 5 - Standard Rate

The standard VAT rate is 7.7%.

Article 6 - Reduced Rate

The reduced rate of 2.5% applies to:

- Food and beverages
- Books and newspapers
- Medicines
- Agricultural products

Article 7 - Special Rate

The special rate of 3.7% applies to hotel accommodation.

4. Exemptions

Article 8 - Exempt Supplies

Exempt supplies include:

- Financial services
- Insurance services
- Healthcare services
- Educational services
- Postal services

5. Input Tax Deduction

Article 9 - Deduction Rights

Taxable persons may deduct input tax on:

- Goods and services used for business
- Business-related expenses
- Capital goods