If the ship is owned by more than one person (joint owners or co-owners), these owners must all be domiciled in Switzerland and be nationals of Switzerland or of a state "accorded equal status to Switzerland" (SR 747.111, Article 14).

If a Rhine vessel is operated by an inland operator who is not the owner, this operator must either:

(a) be domiciled or have its registered office in Switzerland and fulfil the requirements that the Ordinance specifies for the owner; or

(b) be domiciled or have its registered office in a state "accorded equal status to Switzerland" and fulfil the requirements that this state specifies for inland operators. In relation to this, the operator must provide an official document in accordance with the Revised Act on Rhine shipping of 17 October 1868 (SR 0.747.224.101).

If a ship is acquired by an owner in terms of Article 8 of SR 747.111 on behalf of the inland operator and primarily for funding purposes, the inland operator must be domiciled or have its registered office in Switzerland as well and must fulfil the same requirements as the owner (SR 747.30, Article 126; SR 747.111, Article 15).

Rental/Leasing without operator relating to ships under Swiss flag is allowed to Swiss ship-owning companies only (SR 747.30, Article 91).

23. Sector:	Transport Services	
Sub-Sector:	Internal Waterways Transport Services	
Industry Classification:	CPC 7221	Passenger transportation (excluding transport on the Rhine)
	CPC 7222	Freight transportation (excluding transport on the Rhine)
	CPC 7224	Towing and pushing services (excluding transport on the Rhine)
Type of Reservation:	Market access (Article 46)	
Level of Government:	Federal and cantonal	
Measures:	Federal Law on inland navigation (SR 747.201), Article 3	
	Cantonal legislations, as qualified by the Description element	
Description:	Cantons have the competence to restrict or prohibit inland navigation on their internal waterways to protect public interests.	
	Qualification: Switzerland reserves the right for the cantons to maintain, modify or adopt any measures restricting market access and/or national treatment for transport services on internal waterways.	