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## Schedule of the printers of all Swiss stamps issued between January 2001 and December 2014

### Introduction:

Since the year 2000 Swiss stamps have been printed by some 22 private and state printing works; from Switzerland, Australia, Austria, China, France, Germany, Liechtenstein, the Netherlands, the UK and the USA. These companies were responsible for the following stamp issues (Reference numbers taken from the Zumstein Catalogue: Schweiz/Liechtenstein 2013)

### Austrian State Printing Works, Vienna:

z1168-1172, including M/S, z1173-1176, z1181, z1183/1184, z1188/1189, z1190/1191, z1205, z1209/1210, z1217-1219, z1230, z1247, z1312 and Pro Patria: 292-295

### Bagel Security Print, Germany:

z1267-1270, z1278, z1284-1287, z1302-1304, z1311, z1314/1315, z1316-1319, z1328, z1343, z1348, z1353, z1368/1369, z1508, Pro Patria: 296-299, 300-303, 304-307, 309-312, and Official: IOC 5

### Banknote Corporation of America Inc. NC:

Pro Juventute: 369-372, 373-376

### Cartor Security Printing, France:

z1040, z1081-1084, z1093, z1101/1102, z1103, z1111, z1119, z1123, z1125/1126, z1139, z1140, z1151, z1155, z1156, z1157, z1158/1159, z1162, z1163/1164, z1177/1178, z1179/1180, z1182, z1185/1186, z1195, z1196, z1197, z1212, z1214, z1215/1216, z1226, z1228, z1235, z1240-1243, z1254-1256, z1258, z1263, z1266, z1274, z1276, z1289, z1291-1293, z1294/1295, z1296, z1299, z1305, z1323-1325, z1327, z1330-1332, z1333, z1334, z1335-1337, z1338-1341, z1351, z1352, z1354, z1356, z1359-1361, z1365, z1381, z1384, z1386, z1390-1394, including M/S, z1400-1403, z1413-1415, z1417-1419, z1431, z1435-1437, z1445-1447, z1452, z1453, z1460, z1471, z1491/92, z1499/1500, z1511, z1512-1514, z1520-1523, z1525.

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Pro Patria: 276-279, 280-283, 288-291, 313-316.

### Cartaroll AG, Bauma, Zürich:

Machine Labels: 15-18

### CDS Testpack Co. Germany:

z1387, z1397-1399, z1416, z1421, z1423, z1428/1429, z1433

### China State Printing Works:

Surtax stamps: 90-93 including M/S, 94-96 including M/S

### De La Rue Global Services, London:

z1112-1115, z1116-1118 including M/S, z1121, z1122, z1124, z1130-1132

**Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem, Netherlands:**

z1027/1028, z1029-1033 including M/S, z1047-1050, z1054-1058, z1059, z1060, z1061/1064, z1069/1070, z1104, z1107-1109, z1110, z1120, z1127-1129 including M/S, z1137, z1138, z1141-1146 including M/S, z1147-1150, z1152-1154 including M/S, z1160, z1161, z1165, z1166, z1187, z1198-1201, z1202-1204, z1206, z1207/1208, z1213, z1222-1225, z1229, z1233/1234, z1236-1239, z1257 MS, z1259-1261, z1264, z1265, z1271-1273, z1277, z1279-1282, z1283, z1290 M/S, z1297/1298, z1300, z1301, z1306/1307, z1308-1310, z1313, z1320-1322, z1326, z1329 M/S, z1342, z1344-1347, z1349/1350, z1355, z1357, z1362-1364, z1370/1371, z1372 M/S, z1376-1379, z1380, z1388/1389, z1396, z1405, z1420, z1424-1426, z1427, z1434, z1438-1440, z1441-1443, z1449-1450, z1462-1463, z1466, z1468-1469, z1472-1473, z1477-1480, z1481-1483, z1484-1487, z1490, z1501/1502, z1503-1506, z1515/1516, z1518/1519, z1524.

Pro Juventute: 364-368, 393-396, 397-400, 401-404, 405-408 409-411; Pro Patria: 284-287, 308A M/S, 317-320; Official x4; UPU 19, 20; UIT 18; IOC 6.

**Etitex AG, Zollikofen:**

Machine Labels: 19/20

**German State Printing Works:**

z1065/1066, z1094/1095, z1096-1100, z1288,

**Giesecke and Devrient, Germany:**

z1366, z1373-1375, z1385, z1395, z1404, z1411, z1422, z1430, z1432, z1454, z1461, z1467, z1489, z1493/1494, z1495, z1507, z1509/1510, z1517

**Gutenberg AG, Liechtenstein:**

z1358, z1367, z1382, z1383, z1406-1409, z1410, z1412 M/S, z1444 M/S, z1448, z1451, z1459, z1464/1465, z1470, z1474-1476, z1488, z1496-1498,

Year 2014 Emmental M/S; Day of the Stamp M/S; Official: UPU 23.

**The House of Questa, London:**

z1039, z1041-1044, z1053, z1072, z1080, z1085-1087 including M/S, z1088/1092 including M/S, z1105/1106

**La Poste, France:**

Official: UPU 22

**Permapack AG, Rorschach:**

z1167, Pro Juventute: 377-380

**Sericora AG, Köniz:**

z1133 the 'Wooden' stamp

**Silver-Ocean Animated Graphics AG, Aarau:**

z1231/1232

**Sprintpak, Australia:**

z1025, z1211

**Stralfors AG, Aesch:**

z1026

**Tesa Bandfix AG:**

z1192-1194, z1220/1221, z1227, z1244-1246, z1248, z1249, z1250-1253, z1262, z1275,  
Pro Juventute: 381-384, 385-388, 389-392.

**Walsall Security Printers Ltd. GB:**

z1068, z1071, z1073-1079, z1134/1135, z1136

**Notes:**

To complete the picture for the whole of the 21st Century so far:

- a) The PTT/Swiss Post Printing Works were responsible for the following issues in the period 2000-2002:
  - Year 2000: z987/988, z989, z990-995, z996, z997, z1000-1002, z1003/1004, z1005, z1013, Pro Juventute 356-359 Pro Patria 268-271
  - Year 2001: z1015, z1016, z1017, z1018, z1019, z1020/1021, z1022, z1023, z1034, z1035/1037, z1038, Pro Juventute 360-363 Pro Patria 272-275.
  - Year 2002: z1045/1046, z1051/1052, z1067
- b) In the year 2000, Hélio Courvoisier were responsible for the following stamps: Z985, z1014 and Surtax Stamps 85-89 including M/S
- c) The Medicinal Plants definitives (z1073-1079) printed in 2003 have the words 'Courvoisier' at bottom right as the printers Walsall Security Printers Ltd. had acquired their printing presses and the right to use the brand name "Courvoisier". This was the only time Walsall Security Printers used the Courvoisier name on Swiss stamps.
- d) The schedule is based exclusively on the information on printers in 'Focus on Stamps'.
- e) The schedule does not include the imprinted stamps on official postal stationery (including official postcards).

**The Choice of Printers**

An analysis of a number of stamp types/themes suggests that there is no clear pattern for choosing printers emerging, except perhaps for the Definitives. However some printers have been given responsibility for a large proportion of issues of a certain type or theme since 2001:

**Definitives**

Joh. Enschedé Haarlem was given all the contracts for the definitives issued between 2002 and 2014, with the exception of the Medicinal Plants issue by Walsall Security Printers and two of the Minerals issue by the German State Printing Works (z1065 and 1066).

**Greetings**

Joh. Enschedé Haarlem was given the contract on five occasions for Greetings stamps between 2003 and 2014, along with one contract to each of four other companies.

**Pro Patria**

Cartor Security Printing (5), Bagel Security Print (4) and Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem (3) were given the contract for twelve of the years between 2002 and 2014.

**Pro Juventute**

Joh. Enschedé Haarlem (7) and Tesa Bandfix (3) were given the contract for ten of the years between 2002 and 2014;

**Christmas**

Cartor Security Printing was given the contract for eight of the years between 2002 and 2014.

**Day of the Stamp**

Cartor Security Printing, Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem and Gutenberg AG, Liechtenstein were each given the contract for four of the years between 2002 and 2014

**Europa**

Cartor Security Printing was given the contract for five of the years between 2002 and 2014, along with five other companies.

**Officials**

Joh. Enschedé Haarlem printed four official stamps between 2002 and 2014; the remaining six were printed by four different companies.

**Self-adhesives**

Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem was given all the contracts for self-adhesive definitives and all but two for self-adhesive greetings and children's characters stamps between 2002 and 2014. Joh. Enschedé, Haarlem (6) and Tesa Bandfix (3) were given nine of the contracts for the self-adhesive Pro Juventute stamps issued since 2003.

The author would welcome any comments, suggested amendments, additional information and suggestions on further useful references to consult.

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- Information on the PTT Printing Works can be found in the article in 'Focus on Stamps' 3/2002 pp.19-21.

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