

# Search for company information in the Swiss Official Gazette of Commerce SOGC

## The SOGC platform

The **Swiss Official Gazette of Commerce (SOGC)** publishes statutory and other company announcements, as well as official information

### Legal validity

On the SOGC platform, each publication is displayed in HTML format. Several publications can be obtained collectively as a PDF, Word or XML file. The legally valid publication is solely the individual PDF publication bearing a qualified electronic signature.

SOGC publications are classified by subject into the following **categories**:

- Commercial Registry entries
- Public notices under the Commercial Registry Ordinance
- Calls to creditors following liquidation
- Other calls to creditors under company law
- Debt enforcements
- Bankruptcies
- Composition proceedings
- Estates
- Lost securities and other titles
- Financial market
- Employment
- Precious metal control
- Other federal registers and public notices
- Court rulings and summons in the SOGC
- Notifications issued to company members
- Notices.

SOGC publications are available in **two formats**:

- **in dynamic form as HTML files**
- **in static form as compiled PDF files.**

A **simple keyword search** for publications in HTML format published since 3 September 2018 is available on the homepage of the SOGC portal.

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The **advanced search via the 'Publications' tab**, provides various filters to limit the search within these HTML publications by period, category, etc.

The homepage and the **'Archives' tab** also provide an **archive search** function to find public HTML publications issued between 1999 and 2 September 2018.

### HTML files with limited availability

To protect personal data and for other reasons, certain SOGC publications in HTML format are only available for a limited period.

Even those publications that are no longer displayed in dynamic format remain available in the **archive of SOGC issues in PDF format**. Individual SOGC issues from No. 1 of 3 January 2002 onwards can be downloaded by publication date:

[Previous issues](#)

To perform a **full-text search** in an archived issue, it must be downloaded. The SOGC portal does not allow simultaneous searches across **multiple or all SOGC PDF issues**.

## The digitised / digital SOGC on the E-Periodica platform

SOGC issues published since 1883 are available in digitised form on E-Periodica. This platform for digitised Swiss periodicals allows full text searches covering the period from 1883 to 2020, as well as direct access to specific SOGC issues.

Until March 2002, the SOGC was published exclusively in printed form. Since April 2002 it has also been available in digital form under the new name Sogc.ch:

[SOGC 1883-2001 in E-Periodica](#)

[Sogc.ch 2002-2020 in E-Periodica](#)

## The digitised / digital SOGC in e-Helvetica

The digitised SOGC and the digital Sogc.ch are part of the digital collections of the Swiss National Library (NL). They are accessible online via **e-Helvetica**:

[SOGC No. 1, 4.1.1883 – No. 114, 15.6.2001 in e-Helvetica](#)

[Sogc.ch No. 115, 18.6.2001 – No. 37, 22.2.2018](#)

Compared with E-Periodica, e-Helvetica offers the advantage that a specific SOGC issue can be accessed using the **'Unit' facet** not only by year and issue number, but also by the exact publication **date**.

Example: Unit 8, 1, 03.01.1890

If the **publication date is unknown**, it is advisable to perform a full-text search in the digitised/digital SOGC by entering the company name as a search term and refining the results by selecting the journal title 'Schweizerisches Handelsamtsblatt' or 'Shab.ch' in the filters.

## Central Business Name Index

The Central Business Name Index (Zefix) contains a complete record of all active partnerships and sole proprietorships registered in the SOGC, as well as those deleted since 1 January 2000. The data and references are provided without guarantee. Only the certified extract issued by the competent commercial register office and the publication text in the SOGC are legally binding.

[Zefix Central Business Names Index](#)

From the indicated registered office, the contact page of the competent cantonal commercial register office can be accessed via a link.

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