

National Day — *August 1 (partly observed)*

Christmas Day — *December 25*

St. Stephen's Day

(Boxing Day) — *December 26*

The Canadian Embassy in Berne observes 11 statutory holidays each year comprising a mix of traditional Canadian and Swiss holidays.

Dates and Numbers

As in Canada, dates are written in the order of day/month/year. December 7, 1989 would be abbreviated to 7.12.89.

Weights and Measures

Switzerland uses the metric system.

Electricity

The electricity system is AC 220V, 50 cycles.

Currency

The currency unit is the Swiss franc divided into 100 centimes. Notes of SFR 10, 20, 50, 100, 500 and 1000 are in circulation. At the end of October 1989, one Swiss franc was equal to C\$1.36.

The Swiss franc is freely convertible and indeed is one of the world's most stable currencies.