

## What is an ATA Carnet ?

- An international Customs document, A Merchandise Passport.
- Carnets facilitate temporary imports into foreign countries and are valid for up to one year.

## What are the advantages of using an ATA Carnet ?

- Reduces costs to the exporter. Eliminates value-added taxes (VAT), duties, and the posting of security normally required at the time of importation.
- Simplifies Customs procedures. Allows a temporary exporter to use a single document for all Customs transactions, make arrangements for many countries in advance, and do so at a predetermined cost.
- Facilitates reentry into the U.S. Eliminates the need to register goods with Customs at the time of departure.

## What merchandise is covered by the ATA Carnet ?

- Virtually all goods, personal and professional, including commercial samples, professional equipment, and goods intended for use at tradeshows and exhibitions. *Council Sample*
- Ordinary goods such as computers, tools, cameras and video equipment, industrial machinery, automobiles, gems and jewelry, and wearing apparel.
- Extraordinary items, for example, Van Gogh Self-Portrait, Ringling Brothers tigers, Cessna jets, Paul McCartney's band, World Cup-class yachts, satellites, and the New York Philharmonic.
- Carnets do not cover: consumable goods (food and agricultural products), disposable items, or postal traffic.

## Where can an ATA Carnet be used?

- Nearly 50 nations located in Europe, North America, Asia, and Africa:

Algeria	Iceland	Poland
Australia	India	Portugal
Austria	Ireland	Romania
Belgium	Israel	Senegal
Bulgaria	Italy	Singapore
Canada	Ivory Coast	Slovakia
Cyprus	Japan	Slovenia
Czech Republic	Korea	South Africa
Denmark	Lebanon	Spain
Finland	Luxembourg	Sri Lanka
France	Malaysia	Sweden
Germany	Malta	Switzerland
Gibraltar	Mauritius	Thailand
Greece	Netherlands	Turkey
Hong Kong	New Zealand	United Kingdom
Hungary	Norway	

Additional countries are added to the ATA system periodically. Please call to determine the countries in which you are traveling; does not appear on the above list.

## How much does an ATA Carnet cost?

- Basic processing fees are determined by the value of the shipment. Additional costs may be incurred in obtaining security or other services.

Shipment Value	Basic Processing Fee
Under \$5,000	\$120
\$5,000-14,999	\$150
\$15,000-49,999	\$175
\$50,000-199,999	\$200
\$200,000-499,999	\$225
\$500,000 and over	\$250

## Must I provide security ?

- As the guaranteeing organization, the U.S. Council is required to take security, usually 40% of merchandise value, to cover any Customs claim that might result from an improperly used Carnet.
- Acceptable forms of security are: certified check or surety bond.
- Security is returned in full to the Carnet holder once the Carnet is canceled.

## Under what conditions might a claim be filed ?

- Some circumstances under which a claim will be filed:
  1. Goods are not reexported within one year.
  2. Carnet sheets are not properly validated by Customs officials on the way into or out of the U.S. or foreign country.
  3. Improper or inadequate description of merchandise on the General List.

## What are the origins of the ATA Carnet system ?

- In order to encourage world trade by reducing the obstacles caused by varying national Customs regulations, the Customs Co-operation Council adopted in December, 1961, the "Customs Convention on the ATA Carnet for the Temporary Admission of Goods."
- The initials "ATA" are an acronym of the French and English words "Admission Temporaire/ Temporary Admission."
- Carnets are issued and guaranteed by national groups, which administer the ATA system under a set of conditions established by the International Bureau of Chambers of Commerce (IBCC). The IBCC is sponsored by the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) in Paris.
- The U.S. Council for International Business was appointed by the Treasury Department in 1968 to manage the ATA Carnet system in the United States. Typically, the Council issues over 11,000 Carnets a year covering goods valued at over one billion dollars.
- Roanoke Brokerage Services, Inc., a sixty year old international insurance broker, was appointed by the U.S. Council for International Business in 1978 to be an ATA Carnet Service Provider. Roanoke has eight Carnet issuing offices nationwide and is the leading ATA Carnet Service Provider in the United States.