



July 30, 2004

**Re: Moving to our Online Application and
New "A4" ATA Carnet**

Dear Carnet Customer:

Later this year the ATA and Tecro Carnets will undergo exciting changes, as required by the World Customs Organisation (WCO):

1. **New size:** For years, the #1 customer comment has been about the size of the Carnet. The WCO has finally heard your calls for change. USCIB is pleased to advise that beginning this fall, the ATA and Tecro Carnets will be reduced to 8 ½ x 11 ¾ inches, a reduction of over two inches in length. (Standard European size paper is approximately this size.)
2. **Counterfoils and vouchers:** The WCO, the intergovernmental body that presides over the ATA system, has also separated the counterfoil from the voucher on the yellow, white, and blue certificates that form this vital export document. Successive customs transactions will thus become more readily apparent.

After feedback from our customers, freight forwarders, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), USCIB has made some additional enhancements:

3. **Labeling counterfoils and vouchers:** To make it easier to locate the correct sheet, we've inserted the words, "counterfoil" or "voucher" in the upper right corner of the sheet.
4. **Fewer U.S. sheets:** USCIB and CBP agreed to eliminate the yellow voucher that they (and you) have completed for years, but was never used by either party.
5. **New cover:** A new document deserves a new cover, so we've changed the jacket that has long protected the Carnet from the countless customs examinations and the normal wear-and-tear on those often long and complicated journeys.
6. **Binding:** And we've improved the binding. No more gold buttons.

All in all, we think the new A4 Carnet is a much superior document--smaller, compact, and more user-friendly.

And because we will be printing Carnet information, including the General List on the front, and back of all sheets, the document will be thinner in most instances.

To accommodate these new requirements, we are changing our computer systems and the way that we issue Carnets. Thus, **we will be moving all our customers to our online application at www.merchandisepassport.org**, which has been successfully in use since 2002.

If your present means of application is either paper or ATACAS (our custom software), please visit http://www.uscib.org/forms.asp?form_id=4 to obtain registration information for our online system.

By doing so you will assure uninterrupted service this fall when all the changes are complete. You may also call, Fred Mardis at 212.703.5080 for assistance.

Please check our website for more news on the coming changes. We'll be back in touch about these changes in the coming months.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Duncan', written in a cursive style.

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Carnet Operations