

“Carnets are the secret weapon”

– representative of Laufer Group International

What is an ATA Carnet?

The ATA Carnet, also known as the Merchandise Passport, is an international customs document that expedites temporary imports into foreign countries.

How long is a Carnet valid?

Use it for up to one year for unlimited exits from the U.S. and entries into foreign countries. The goods must return to the U.S.

What are the benefits?

- Reduces your costs by eliminating value-added taxes (VAT), duties, and the posting of security normally required at the time of importation.
- Streamlines customs procedures by using a single document for all customs transactions and making customs clearance arrangements in advance of departure.
- Costs are pre-determined and paid in U.S. dollars.
- Simplifies reentry into the U.S. by serving as a U.S. Customs registration.

What merchandise is covered?

- Just about all commercial goods, including samples, professional equipment and items for trade shows and exhibitions.
- Ordinary goods such as medical devices, industrial machinery, artwork, computers, vehicles, repair tools, film equipment, wearing apparel, furniture, and display booths.
- Extraordinary items such as vintage costumes, Stradivarius violins, human skulls, satellites, race horses, billiard tables, rare gems and jewels, and prototype vehicles.

What is not covered?

- Carnets DO NOT cover giveaways, consumable goods, disposable items, personal items or postal traffic.

What does a Carnet cost?

Value of Goods	Basic Fee
\$1– 9,999	\$215
\$10,000 – 49,999	\$245
\$50,000 – 249,999	\$305
Over \$250,000	\$355

Additional costs may be incurred in obtaining security, expedited service, and/or other services.

How widely are Carnets used?

More than 150,000 are issued every year around the world covering goods valued at over \$12 billion. USCIB issues 16,000, valued at \$3 billion.

How do I start?

Visit www.merchandisepassport.org to receive your user name and password. Advance registration is required.

How long will it take?

Completed applications submitted before 4pm ET (with approved security) will be delivered within two business days without an expedited service fee.

What is ‘approved security’?

USCIB is required to take a security deposit, usually 40% of shipment value, to cover any customs claim that might result from misuse of the Carnet.

Acceptable forms of security are cash or surety bond. Cash deposits are returned in full and surety bonds are cancelled upon Carnet redemption.

What is a customs claim?

A claim is a notice issued by a foreign customs administration when:

- Goods are not re-exported in a timely manner,
- Goods are lost, stolen or destroyed,
- Carnet certificates are not properly validated by U.S. or foreign customs.

How can I get more information?

Contact Carnet Headquarters:

Go to: www.merchandisepassport.org

Call: 1.866.786.5625

Email: atacarnet@merchandisepassport.org

This brochure provides general information on the ATA Carnet. Detailed instructions and the obligations of the Carnet Holder can be found at www.merchandisepassport.org.



ATA Carnet

- ATA Carnet Convention on temporary imports was adopted by the World Customs Organization in 1961 to encourage world trade by reducing the barriers caused by varying national customs regulations.
- “ATA” is an acronym of the French and English words “Admission Temporaire/Temporary Admission.”
- Issued and guaranteed by national groups that manage the ATA system under a set of conditions established by the World Chambers Federation, a division of the International Chamber of Commerce in Paris.
- United States Council for International Business was appointed by the Treasury Department in 1969 to operate the ATA Carnet system in the United States.

United States Council for International Business (USCIB)

- The leading business organization advancing the global interest of American companies doing business internationally.
- Provides global leadership as the exclusive U.S. affiliate of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), International Organization of Employers (IOE) and Business and Industry Advisory Committee (BIAC) to the OECD.
- Members include more than 300 multinational companies, law firms and business associations.
- Headquartered in New York City with offices in Washington, D.C.
- Manages the ATA Carnet system in the United States.

A Trade Service of the United States Council for International Business

“Because of this (ATA Carnet) convenience we have been able to greatly expand our business...” DiaSource, Inc



Your Key to Customs

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Countries and Territories where Carnets are accepted

Algeria	Ceuta	Greece ●	Latvia ●	Miquelon	Reunion Is.	Swaziland
Andorra	Chile	Guadeloupe	Lebanon	Moldova	Romania ●	Sweden ●
Antarctica	China	Guernsey	Lesotho	Monaco	Russia	Switzerland
Aruba	Corsica	Hong Kong	Liechtenstein	Mongolia	Seychelles	Tahiti
Australia	Croatia	Hungary ●	Lithuania ●	Montenegro	Senegal	Taiwan ¹
Austria ●	Curacao	Iceland	Luxembourg ●	Morocco	Serbia	Tasmania
Balearic Is.	Cyprus ●	India	Macao	Namibia	Singapore	Thailand
Belarus	Czech Rep. ●	Ireland ●	Macedonia	Netherlands ●	Slovakia ●	Tunisia
Belgium ●	Denmark ●	Isle of Man	Malaysia	New Caledonia	Slovenia ●	Turkey
Botswana	Estonia ●	Israel	Malta ●	New Zealand	South Africa	Ukraine
Bosnia-Herzegovina ²	Finland ●	Italy ●	Martinique	Norway	Spain ●	United Arab Emirates
Bulgaria ●	France ●	Ivory Coast	Mauritius	Pakistan	Sri Lanka	United Kingdom ●
Canada	French Guiana	Japan	Mayotte	Poland ●	St. Barthelemy	United States
Canary Is.	Gibraltar	Korea	Mexico ²	Portugal ●	St. Martin (French side)	Wallis & Futuna
				Puerto Rico	St. Pierre	

Countries and Territories where Carnets are not yet accepted

Anguilla	Grenada	St. John
Antigua	Guam	St. Kitts-Nevis
Argentina	Honduras	St. Lucia
Bahamas	Indonesia	St. Thomas
Bahrain	Iran ³	St. Vincent Grenadines
Barbados	Jamaica	Syria
Barbuda	Jordan	Tortola
Brazil	Kenya	Trinidad & Tobago
Cayman Islands	Kuwait	Turks & Caicos
Costa Rica	Netherlands Antilles	Vietnam
Dominica	Oman	
Egypt	Philippines	
Faroe Is.	Qatar	
Fiji	Saudia Arabia	
Greenland	St. Croix	

ATA Carnets may be accepted in these areas but USCIB will not guarantee their acceptance.



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¹ TECRO/AIT Carnets are issued for use between the U.S. and Taiwan. ²Soon to join.

³USCIB may not issue Carnets to Iran.