

General Information about Carnet ATA

Definition

The Carnet ATA is an international customs document that can be used for temporary import and export and transit of goods instead of the otherwise necessary national customs documents.

Benefits for the user

By Carnet ATA the owner or his representative shall be discharged by the payment or deposit of import duties and other import charges when crossing the border.

Function of the Chamber of Commerce

The issuing Chamber of Commerce works to foreign customs authorities as guarantor.

Customs Convention

International "Customs Convention on the Carnet ATA for the temporary admission of goods" from 06.12.1961 and the Convention on Temporary Admission ("Istanbul Convention") on 26.06.1990.

Involved Countries

All EU and EFTA countries, various Central and Eastern European states and nations overseas.

Intended purpose

The Carnet ATA can be used for the following purposes:

- Samples for demonstration
- Professional Material
- Exhibitions, fairs, conferences

The Carnet ATA is **not allowed** for:

- Goods for uncertain sale
- Consumables material (brochures, promotional gifts, etc.)

Period of validity

The Carnet ATA is valid for 1 year.

Where is the Carnet ATA to apply for?

On your next Chamber of Commerce.

Customs clearance before crossing the border

The Carnet ATA must be put into effect by the customs authorities of the exporting country before the first border crossing. For this certification please contact your nearest customs office. Here, the goods must be presented.

Border Crossing

The Carnet ATA must be presented to the customs authorities at every border crossing. We recommend that you pass by a main customs office. Please do note the opening times.

Messe Basel

First, you must contact the customs office at the fair for posting customs, after that you are required to present the Carnet ATA at the customs office at the fair for the discharge of the carnet.

For shipments in transit (Border – Fair customs office Basel) you have to ask the Chamber of Commerce for 4 transit sheets (blue) when they issue the Carnet ATA