



World ATA Carnet Council (WATAC)

Operation of the ATA System in China: Use of ATA Carnets in the context of Shanghai 2010 Expo

In 1993, China became a Signatory country to the ATA Convention, the Istanbul Convention and its Annexes A and B.1. China Customs started to accept ATA Carnets issued for goods for display or use at exhibitions, fairs, meetings or similar events in 1998.

As stated in **Article 17.4 of the World Exposition Shanghai China 2010 Special Regulation No. 7**, “for the goods applicable to the use of ATA Carnet as prescribed in the international conventions which China has entered into relating to the goods of temporary admission, the Chinese Customs authorities shall accept and encourage the use of the ATA Carnet.” The scope of application of ATA Carnets in the context of Shanghai Expo is still within the scope of Annex B.1 of the Istanbul Convention. No expansion or change has been granted by now to this end.

Customs Formalities for Goods Temporarily Imported under an ATA Carnet can be found at Page 355 of *World Exposition Shanghai China Participation Guide (for Official Participants)* <http://tinyurl.com/Shanghaexpo>

Other Remarks

1. In accordance with rules in the context of Shanghai Expo, for freight cargo, Customs declaration for the temporary importation/re-exportation shall be made by any of the following logistics service providers appointed by Expo 2010. Holders may choose from the list and provide ATA Carnets and other documents to the broker.

Logistics Service Providers	Contact person	Tel	Fax	Email
Air sea transport Co., ltd.	Liu Qiong	+86-21-22069420	+86-21-22065181	chris@airsea.com.cn
Trans-Link International Forwarding (Shanghai) Ltd.	Li Jing	+86-21-22063167	+86-21-22060156	HIILee@agilitylogistics.com
SINOTRANS Group	Sun Xumin	+86-21-22063170	+86-21-22063156	sunxumin@sinotrans.com

2. The logistics service provider will then contact the Bureau of Shanghai World Expo Coordination for the *Certification Letter for Expo Shanghai Cargo* which is the necessity for cargo entering into the Expo Pavilion and Park.
3. For hand-carried goods, please contact the logistics service provider appointed by Expo 2010 --Shanghai EB & SFSC International Logistics Company Ltd.
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4. The contact person in the Bureau of Shanghai World Expo Coordination is Ms. Shen Wei, Tel: +86-21-22062360, fax: +86-21-22060116, email: shenwei@expo2010.gov.cn
5. The Bureau of Shanghai World Expo Coordination has made arrangements to guarantee certain Expo Cargo which is not able to use ATA Carnets. Please contact logistics service providers or Bureau of Shanghai World Expo Coordination for detailed procedure.
6. Related regulations:
 - World Exposition Shanghai China 2010 Special Regulation No. 7 Concerning Customs Clearance, Transportation and Handling of Goods
<http://en.expo2010.cn/a/20080821/000004.htm>
 - Measures of the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China on the Administration of Temporarily Imported and Exported Goods (Decree of the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China No.157)
<http://tinyurl.com/Regulation157>
7. Currently, professional equipment in the context of Shanghai Expo including performance equipment, journalists reporting equipment and kitchen equipment etc. is NOT able to use ATA Carnets for Customs clearance. CCPIT/CCOIC is working with the Bureau of Shanghai World Expo Coordination to appeal for a wider use of ATA Carnets. CCPIT will keep NGOs informed for any progress. NGOs may also contact Ms. Chai Yuan for detailed information.
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