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Accepts ATA Carnets For:

Exhibitions and Fairs, Commercial Samples, Professional Equipment

Carnet Advisory:

Official notification of Chinese Customs accepting all three categories of intended use.

China customs accept ATA carnets under use of sporting goods as of 1st Jan 2020. Sports requisites and other articles for use in sports contests or demonstrations or for training could be cleared under ATA carnets.

As of January 9, 2019, Carnets entering China are no longer restricted to six months. The final date of re-exportation will be the same as the expiry date of the Carnet.

The rule applies to ATA carnets, which are presented to China customs after Jan 13 2019. It does not apply automatically to Carnets which entered before 13 Jan 2019. Holders need to pay attention to the final date of re-exportation given by Customs at the time of entry to avoid Claims and penalties.

For carnets with different intended uses, the supporting document varies:

- Exhibitions and Fairs: copy of exhibition registration form (the most effective one), copy of exhibition booth confirmation letter/invoice, etc.
- Professional equipment: approval letter issued by relevant government department (if any), or contract/agreement (indicating the carnet holder's name and the details of the activity), etc.
- Commercial Samples: approval letter issued by relevant government department (if any), or contract/agreement (indicating the carnet holder's name and the details of the activity), etc.

ATA Carnets travelling to China should be completed in English and accompanied by a translation of the general list in Chinese.

Customs clearance of unaccompanied goods under cover of ATA Carnets will have to be carried out at the entry and exit of the Chinese Customs territory by a licensed agent or a company qualified by Chinese Customs to perform such activities.

For ATA goods, transported as freight goods, broker shall contact with CCPIT/CCOIC for electronic data registration before declaring to China Customs. For hand-carry goods, holders may undergo paper verification by China Customs firstly, and then go to CCPIT/CCOIC for electronic data registration in the following three working days. The contact numbers of the 2 branch offices located in Beijing (Terminal 3 and Terminal 2) are the following: 86-10-64595422 64530430.

Used vehicles or right rudder vehicles need to get approval before temporary importation.

Effective October 1, 2014, only items to be exhibited in public exhibitions will be accepted; goods to be exhibited in stores will no longer be accepted. A letter of invitation from the exhibition organizer will be required to be attached to the ATA carnet.