

# ATA CARNET- THE PASSPORT FOR GOODS

## An International Customs Facilitation Scheme

### IMPORTANT NOTES

The ATA Carnet is a temporary admission document which acts as a 'PASSPORT FOR GOODS' for three main categories of Community status goods:

- Commercial samples
- Goods for presentation or use at trade fairs, shows, exhibitions or similar events
- Professional equipment (which is solely for use by, or under the personal supervision of the holder or his nominated representative)

Carnet can be used for a trip covering more than one country and includes numerous exits and re-entries in the country of origin during the period of the validity of the document. This validity can never exceed one year. Temporary admission under cover of ATA carnets applies to goods, which will be re-exported in the same state in which they were imported.

A Carnet may not be used for:

- Goods to be sold or hired out abroad for financial gain
- Perishable or consumable items (as they would not normally be re-exported)
- Goods which are temporarily exported for processing or repair
- Goods on which a CAP (Common Agricultural Policy) refund will be claimed
- Goods used as a means of transport
- The exportation of unaccompanied goods, or by post
- Foreign goods temporarily imported into the E.C. under a Customs Temporary Importation Concession
- Equipment to be used for the construction, repair or maintenance of buildings or for earthmoving and like projects

### HOW TO OBTAIN AN ATA CARNET

The quickest and easiest way to apply for an ATA Carnet is online:

- Existing Customers: log in via: [londonchamber.co.uk/ecarnet](https://londonchamber.co.uk/ecarnet)
- New Customers: please go to: [londonchamber.co.uk/ecarnet](https://londonchamber.co.uk/ecarnet) and complete the simple registration process

What information will I need to provide?

- Intended use for the goods
- Itinerary (the number of visits to and transits through each country)
- Description of the goods that will be temporarily exported. All the goods must be individually itemised with each item having its specific description (i.e. make, serial number), weight and value to facilitate Customs identification and prevent substitution of goods. Only the items with identical description can be grouped together. Statements such as box of, bag of etc. are not allowed.

CARNET A.T.A.		LISTE GÉNÉRALE/GENERAL LIST				A.T.A. CARNET	
N° d'ordre/ Item No	Désignation commerciale des marchandises et, le cas échéant, marques et numéros/ Trade description of goods and marks and numbers, if any	Nombre de pièces/ Number of pieces	Poids ou volume/ Weight or Volume	Valeur*/ Value*	Pays d'origine**/ Country of origine**	Réserve à la douane/ For Customs Use Marques d'identification/ Identification marks	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1/2	Camera (body), Canon EOS-1 s/n. 1234, 3456	2	1 kg	£5,000	MY		
3/5	Lens 80-200mm, Canon s/n. 65670, 24315, 65440	3	3 kg	£3,000	JP		
6/7	Lens 35-300mm, Ricoh, s/n. A343434, A765567	2	2 kg	£10,250	KR		
8/11	Tripods for camera, Sachler (nsn)	4	12 kg	£8,250	DE		
12/13	Battery charger, BASF, s/n. 88777, 888767	2	4 kg	£2,000	DE		
14	NEXT black silk cocktail dress. Size 12	1	1 kg	£250	FR		
15/16	Video screens (nsn) 400x255cm	2	95 kg	£150,000	TW		
17/26	RCA to Phono Connectors, s/n. 1 to 10	10	0.5 kg	£20,000	TW		
27	Emerald and Diamond bracelet. 9ct yellow gold, D: 4.6ct, E: 6ct.	1	200 g	£2,250	IN		
28	Tool kit (20 pieces)	1	5 kg	£250	CN		
29/30	Microphone beams, AK-49, s/n Q98765, Q98555	2	4 kg	£10,000	RU		
31	Dell PC comprising: System unit s/n x11234 (£400) Monitor HP L1906 s/n 12345 (£150) Keyboard HP SK-2880 s/n B554754x (£20)	1	10kg	£570	IE		
<b>1/31</b>	<b>Two hundred and eleven thousand, eight hundred and twenty pounds sterling Goods in free circulation</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>137.70 kg</b>	<b>£211,820</b>			

- Pay the issuing fee:

London Chamber Members\* (24hr service) £211.20

London Chamber Members \*(Express service) £422.40

Non-members (24hr service) £351.60

Non-members (Express service) £562.80

- Lodge the security:

The ATA Carnet provides a guarantee to the Customs of a foreign country into which the goods are temporarily imported that all duties, taxes etc. will be paid to them if the conditions under which they allow these into the country are breached. The issuing Chamber must receive an equivalent security from the Carnet user. This security must be for an amount equal to the highest rate of duty and taxes applicable to the goods in any country of destination, and transit if applicable. It will disregard any preferential tariffs that may be in force at the time because Customs authorities may themselves ignore such preferential rates. The security, to the nearest pound, must be given in one of the following ways:

Cash or a Banker's Draft

Bank or insurance company guarantee (in which case the banks or insurance companies must comply with certain criteria)

Carnet Security Scheme ( [Get a quote here](#) )

The ATA and 'CPD/China-Taiwan Carnet Security Scheme' is an 'in-house' system set up by the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) to simplify the means by which the Carnet user can arrange for the Security to be provided without having to supply either Cash, Banker's Draft or Guarantee from an approved Bank. The applicant pays a one off, non refundable fee based on the security amount required. The benefits to the Carnet Holders are: 'While You Wait' processing and issue. No 'freezing' of assets or funds (as with other institutions). Availability throughout network.

## EC/CPD/CHINA - TAIWAN CARNET

Agreement has been reached between the EC, Taiwan and the International Chamber of Commerce to establish a system of Carnets similar to that for ATA Carnets. The Carnet covers goods temporarily imported/exported between the EC and Taiwan and is called an EC/CPD/China-Taiwan Carnet. (CPD = Carnet de Passage). Other than a different colour code and A4 format to distinguish it from the ATA Carnet, the conditions for its use, the goods for which it can be used and EC Customs procedures are identical to those for the ATA Carnet.

## HOW TO OBTAIN A EC/CPD/CHINA - TAIWAN CARNET

- Order blank forms to be completed by emailing [ecarnet@londonchamber.co.uk](mailto:ecarnet@londonchamber.co.uk)
- Download the EC/CPD/CHINA excel template and complete relevant boxes
- E-mail the template to [ecarnet@londonchamber.co.uk](mailto:ecarnet@londonchamber.co.uk) so that we can verify whether the application has been completed correctly.
- Once our approval has been received, print the information onto Carnet forms, sign the EC/CPD/CHINA Taiwan Application Form and enclose payment for the issuing fee and security.
- Post / deliver to London Chamber of Commerce and Industry, 33 Queen Street, London EC4R 1AP