



## **World ATA Carnet Council (WATAC)**

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### **Operation of the ATA System in Australia: Requirements from Australian Customs authorities**

#### **Note to Members**

At the request of the national guaranteeing organization for ATA Carnets in Australia (i.e. the Victorian Employers' Chamber of Commerce and Industry – VECCI), members will find below a summary of requirements put forward by Australian Customs in order to make the use of ATA Carnets smoother for holders and Australian Customs.

Members wishing further information or clarifications on these requirements are invited to contact Ms Sabina Riego, Trade Officer, International Trade, Victorian Employers' Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VECCI) at the following email address: [sriego@vecci.org.au](mailto:sriego@vecci.org.au), with a copy of their request to our secretariat.

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#### **SUMMARY OF AUSTRALIAN CUSTOMS REQUIREMENTS**

##### **1. Quality of carnets:**

- Carnets must be legible and **NOT** handwritten
- English translation is required

##### **2. General list:**

- No additional pages to be attached after the carnet has been issued as per the ATA Handbook
- Provide further information on the goods so that should there be a claim and duty and sales tax is applicable then Customs classification will not be difficult. Including marks and numbers
- Each page of the General list to have the issuing chamber stamp on it so that it clearly shows which General list is the true list, therefore preventing any additional pages inserted.

##### **3. Front cover / Exportation counterfoil & voucher to be completed**

- Ensure that the holder understands the complications that can occur should this fail to be completed upon export
- Guarantee from the chamber must be confirmed with VECCI to allow the goods to be released at Australian Customs under carnet



**4. Replacement carnets (see document No. 550-1/1334):**

- Request to be made before the expiry date of the original ATA Carnet
- A request and reasons for a replacement carnet must be made by the issuing chamber or NGO to VECCI who will then obtain the approval from Australian Customs
- Approval MUST be given before the issuing chamber issues the replacement Carnet
- Replacement carnet MUST have a new Carnet number that is different from the original Carnet number, so that Australian Customs can enter the details into their system
- Original and replacement carnets MUST be presented to Australian Customs for transferal

**5. Goods being sold:**

- Goods entering Australia with the intention to sell should not be covered under ATA Carnets
- If the goods have been sold then they must go through the proper channels with VECCI and Australian Customs to arrange the "true payment"
- Must provide ample time, usually a day before the departure of the client, for the client to approach Australian Customs in order for the calculations to occur

**6. Purpose of issuing carnets:**

- The issuing chamber MUST ensure that the purpose of the goods entering Australia is the correct convention i.e. that it complies to the definition of the convention
- Ensure that the Carnet holder is entering Australia with a true purpose

**7. Vehicles:**

- ATA Carnet for the purpose of Exhibition / Fairs, Professional equipment (sporting event) - to be driven on the actual circuit race tracks and NOT as means of transport

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