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National Guaranteeing Association

Victorian Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Date of accession to the ATA system

09/11/1970

Field of application notified

Convention on Temporary Admission (Istanbul Convention)

- Annex A - Temporary Admission Papers
- Annex B.1 - Customs Convention concerning the Importation of Goods for Display or Use at **Exhibitions, Fairs, Meetings or Similar Events**
- Customs Convention on the temporary importation for **Professional Equipment**
- International Convention to facilitate the importation of **Commercial Samples and Advertising Materials**
- Customs Convention on **Containers** 1972
- European Convention on Customs treatment of **Pallets** used in international transport
- Customs Convention on the temporary importation for **Pedagogic Equipment**
- Customs Convention on the temporary importation for **Scientific Equipment**
- Convention concerning the **Welfare Material for Seafarers**
- Convention concerning Customs Facilities for **Touring**
- Additional Protocol relating to the Importation of **Tourist Publicity Documents and Material**
- Customs Convention on the Temporary Importation of **Private Road Vehicles**¹

Under the International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs procedures (KYOTO Convention) Australia has accepted the following Specific Annexes A-G, J.

¹ As far as private road vehicles are concerned, since Australia operates the CPD System, these should be covered by CPD Carnets (Carnet de Passages en Douane) which are administered at the international level by the Alliance International du Tourisme (AIT) and the Federation Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) and locally by Automobile clubs. For further information on Carnets de Passage en Douane (CPD), please visit the Website of AIT/FIA: <http://www.aittouringalliance.com/carnet-de-passages-en-douane-cpds>

Territorial coverage

Customs territory (mainland Australia, including Tasmania)

Other applications

ATA Carnets **are** accepted for Customs transit.

This information falls under the International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs procedures (Kyoto Convention), Annex E – Transit.

ATA carnets **are** accepted via the postal environment provided the carnet accompanies the parcel and the goods qualify for temporary importation under a specific Customs convention that Australia is a party to.

Languages in which Carnets should be completed

Australian Border Force (ABF) require that any carnet presented for clearance of goods on a temporary basis must be written in English. The wording must be legible.

Replacement carnet

Yes, in accordance with Article 14, Annex A of the Istanbul Convention

Requests for replacement carnets must be made for approval. Form B257 must be completed and emailed to VCCI for approval BEFORE the replacement carnet is issued and BEFORE the carnet expires.

Regularization fee requested by Customs

No

Customs offices

Not all ports and airports within Australia are permanently staffed by ABF officers.

Some ATA carnet goods may require physical examination by Cargo Examination officers, or the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry (DAFF), before the carnet can be endorsed and the goods released from customs control.

Goods hand carried by passengers will require the carnet to be presented for endorsement, and the goods may be examined by ABF officers on importation at the airport of first arrival.

Goods imported by Sea and Air cargo require carnet presentation during business hours to the relevant ABF Clearance office (discharge port) for endorsement. If goods require examination an appointment will be arranged.

In addition, relevant eligibility criteria must be satisfied for the carnet to be accepted -see below link to the ABF website (carnets information):- Carnet

Offices:

Canberra

- **Cargo Carnet and Passenger Carried Carnet Processing:**
Canberra International Airport
Mon to Fri – 9am – 4pm

Melbourne

- **Cargo Carnet Processing:**
808 Bourke St Docklands VIC (Home Affairs Building)
Mon to Fri - 10am – 3:00pm or by appointment
Nb. From 4 August 2025, relocating back to Customs House (Tullamarine)
Customs House – Melbourne (Tullamarine)
Mon to Fri - 10am – 3:00pm or by appointment
- **Passenger Carried Carnet Processing:**
Melbourne International Airport – Terminal 2, Ground Floor - Arrivals Hall
7 days a week – 5am – midnight.

Sydney

- **Cargo Carnet Processing:**
Customs House – Ground Floor, Charles Ulm Building, MASCOT
Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays) - 9 am to 4 pm
- **Passenger Carried Carnet Processing:**
Sydney International Airport (Ground Floor Arrivals level)
7 days a week - 4:00am – 11:00pm

Darwin

- **Cargo Carnet Processing:**
Customs House Darwin
Mon to Fri - 8:00am – 4:00pm.
Pending - Building 3, 31 O'Sullivan Circuit, East Arm NT
– opening date and times to be advised.
- **Passenger Carried Carnet Processing:**
Darwin International Airport
7 days a week – 24 hours.

Adelaide

- **Cargo Carnet Processing:**
Customs Information Centre (Port Adelaide)
Mon to Fri - 10:00am - 2:00pm or by appointment.

- Passenger Carried Carnet Processing:
Adelaide Airport – Level 0 - If counter unattended, call 08 2088563.
Officers on shift from 04:30 – 10.30pm daily.

Perth

- Cargo Carnet Processing:
Customs House Perth Airport
Mon to Fri - 10:00am – 2:00pm (not including public holidays)
- Passenger Carried Carnet Processing:
Perth International Airport – Terminal 1
7 days a week - 9am to 5pm

Brisbane

- Cargo Carnet Processing:
Customs House
Mon to Fri - 10:00am – 2:00pm
- Passenger Carried Carnet Processing:
Brisbane International Airport (Level 1)
7 days a week - 4:00am – 1:00am

Hobart

- Hobart Regional Office - Cambridge
Mon to Fri – 08:30am – 4:30pm

Launceston District Office

- Custom House Launceston
Mon to Fri - 08:30am – 4:30pm

Special observations

- GST applies to goods imported into Australia in addition to any duty payable. Therefore, national guaranteeing organisations and their issuing offices need to include GST when establishing the amount of security required from applicants for ATA Carnets intending to be used in Australia. The security should cover Customs duties (CIF value of the goods) plus 10 percent GST.
- Evidence of Identity – Still applies. Please see current information: Evidence of Identity for documentary declarations
- For further information regarding temporary importation into Australia (including eligibility for carnets and securities), please find the below link: <https://www.abf.gov.au/importing-exporting-and-manufacturing/temporary-imports/overview>