

FICCI'S ATA CARNET FACILITY

The Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) is providing the ATA Carnet facility.

An ATA carnet is a customs document which facilitates movement of goods across borders on temporary basis without payment of customs duty. In other words, ATA Carnet simplifies the customs procedures and clearance in a foreign lands, without payment of duty or a bank guarantee for temporary import into that country. The initials ATA are an acronym of the French and English words "Admission Temporaire/Temporary Admission). Like a passport for goods, ATA Carnet (pronounced Karnay) allows for the goods for which it was issued to enter any or the participating countries for upto one year. 68 countries have at present recognized the ATA carnet facility.

Its holds significant importance to the exporters as they can participate in international trade fairs/exhibitions, go out on business promoting tours using ATA Carnet without paying import duty. FICCI is the sole National Guaranteeing and Issuing Association for ATA Carnets in India.

The following facilities are available with ATA Carnet

- Make advance customs arrangements at pre-determined cost as no separate licensing is required in India or abroad, once the ATA carnet is used.
- Visit more than one country
- Use their ATA carnet for several trips during its one year validity
- Return to their home country with their goods without problems or delays

Documents Required to Obtain ATA CARNET

- Application and undertaking form (download from <http://www.atacarnet.in/download-form.asp>)
- Complete invoice details (detailed description of goods, their corresponding values, name of countries to be visited, means of transport, packaging details etc.,)
- Security deposit in the form of a bank draft or by a guarantee provided by a bank. The amount should be equivalent to the import duty applicable in the country of importation plus 10%. Bank Guarantee format can be downloaded from <http://www.atacarnet.in/Bank-Guarantee-Format.pdf>
- Processing fees can be referred from http://www.atacarnet.in/ATA_Fee_structure.pdf
- The Demand Draft should be in favour of FICCI payable at Delhi

Refund of Security Deposit

- Upon completion of the final trip, the original ATA carnet, including used and unused counterfoils and vouchers, must be returned to FICCI.
- To discharge the liability of an ATA carnet, proof of re-exportation/re-importation of goods covered under it, has to be submitted. It is important to obtain the correct

customs verification of entry and exit from each country visited. Failure to do so may well lead to Customs duty and a penalty or tax being imposed.

- Sale of goods under ATA carnet is not allowed. It is technically a violation of the carnet agreement. Knowing that this sometimes happens, however, it is advised that the seller, to protect against any subsequent customs claims by any country, must obtain an itemized receipt specifying that appropriate duties and taxes were paid, e.g. bill of entry acquitting carnet. Failure to produce correct evidence will result in non-refund of the deposit guarantee.
- Please note that non-fulfillment of discharge obligation of a carnet can cause forfeiture of the security deposit, besides other procedures as per law.
- Provided that there is no evidence of the carnet entering into dispute, the deposit/bank guarantee will be released as soon as possible.

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