

World ATA Carnet Council (WATAC)

Note to national guaranteeing organizations members of the WCF/ATA international guarantee chain

Implementation of the ATA Carnet System in the Kingdom of Bahrain as of 1st June 2014

1. National guaranteeing organizations are informed that, as of **1st June 2014**, the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry will become the 73rd guaranteeing organization member of the ICC WCF ATA international guarantee chain.
2. ATA Carnets will be accepted by the Customs of the Kingdom of Bahrain under the **WCO Convention on Temporary Admission (Istanbul Convention, 26 June 1990)** and its **Annexes A** (temporary admission documents) and **B1** (concerning goods for display or use at exhibitions, fairs, meetings or similar events) with a reservation in respect of Article 5.1 (a), whereby the Kingdom of Bahrain considers itself not to be bound by the provisions this Article.

For reference, this Article 5.1 (a) reads as follows:

1. Under the terms of Article 13 of this [Istanbul] Convention, clearance for home use shall be granted free of import duties and taxes and without application of import prohibitions or restrictions in respect of the following goods:
 - (a) small samples which are representative of foreign goods displayed at an event, including such samples of foods and beverages, either imported in the form of such samples or produced from imported bulk materials at that event, provided that:
 - (i) they are supplied free of charge from abroad and are used solely for distribution free of charge to the visiting public at the event, for individual use or consumption by the persons to whom they are distributed,
 - (ii) they are identifiable as advertising samples and are individually of little value,
 - (iii) they are unsuitable for commercial purposes and are, where appropriate, packed in quantities appreciably smaller than the smallest retail package,
 - (iv) samples of foods and beverages which are not distributed in packs as provided for in (iii) above are consumed at the event, and
 - (v) the aggregate value and quantity of the samples are, in the opinion of the Customs authorities of the territory of temporary admission, reasonable having regard to the nature of the event, the number of visitors to it and the extent of the exhibitor's participation therein.
3. ATA Carnets **are not** accepted for postal traffic.
4. ATA Carnets **are** accepted for transit.
5. ATA Carnets **are not** accepted for unaccompanied goods.

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6. ATA Carnets may be completed in English. The Customs may require a translation when the ATA Carnets are completed in any other language.
7. All goods temporarily exported from and imported into the Kingdom of Bahrain under cover of ATA Carnets must be subject to Customs inspection upon exit and re-entry, entry and exit.
8. Import duties, taxes, etc. (including penalties, if applicable, reaching to a maximum of two times the customs duties of the goods) will be imposed on goods which cannot be re-exported because they have been sold, given away, lost, stolen or destroyed.

These may also be applied to goods which cannot be re-exported for whatever reasons.

The import duties and customs fines shall be calculated in accordance with the Common Customs Law and Rules of Implementation thereof shall be applicable.

9. Carnet holders will be penalized for:
 - (a) Failing to re-export or re-import goods by the final dates stipulated by Customs.
 - (b) Non-presentation of the Carnet Forms to Customs for endorsement/verification upon exportation from/importation into, and re-importation into/re-exportation from the Kingdom of Bahrain.
 - (c) False declaration of value of the goods which may include seizure/confiscation of the goods/prosecution, etc.
 - (d) Failing to notify Customs in writing when goods covered by an ATA Carnet are not re-exported/re-imported due to whatever reasons.

Customs Affairs can be notified at the following address
 Ministry of Interior - Customs Affairs
 P.O. Box: 15, Manama
 Kingdom of Bahrain
 Tel: (+973)17359797 - Fax: (+973)1 7359748

Penalties, which may amount to a maximum of three times the value of the goods, where applicable, will also be payable. The amount of the penalty will depend on the gravity of the offence.

In the event of any customs offence being committed, the provisions of the Common Customs Law and Rules of Implementation thereof shall be applicable.

Should an extension of the temporary admission be required, it should be coordinated with the Bahraini Customs administration and Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry in due course.

10. The Customs office of Bahrain airport is entitled to process ATA Carnets from Saturday to Thursday from 7.00 a.m. to 7.00 p.m.
11. The Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry is authorized to receive and remit all sums related to the operation of the ATA System.
12. The Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry has duly signed and returned to the WATAC Secretariat a copy of the Interchamber Protocol on the organization of a system of international customs deposits in respect of ATA Carnets (Document 550/212 Rev. 2) and the Statement on the ATA System (Document 550/521 Rev. 1).
13. The Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry has also provided the WATAC Secretariat with the guarantee act required by the WCF.

14. All sums due to the Bahrain Chamber of Commerce and Industry in connection with the operation of the ATA System should be remitted to the following bank:

Ahli United Bank B.S.C
P.O. Box 2424
Manama, Kingdom of Bahrain
Account number: 001 - 395002 - 002
Swift code: AUBBBHBM
IBAN: BH61 AUBB 00001395 0020 02

15. The ISO code for the Kingdom of Bahrain is: **BH**
16. National guaranteeing organizations are invited to insert into the World Directory of national guaranteeing organizations the attached information table concerning Bahrain.

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