

# Australia

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## Entry into force

9 November 1970

## Territorial application

Customs territory (mainland Australia, including Tasmania)

## Field of application

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**
- Geneva Convention on **Road Traffic**

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

**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 providing the carnet accompanies the parcel and the goods fall under the specific Customs Convention.

**Languages in which Carnets should be completed**

Customs and Border Protection require that any carnet presented for clearance of goods on a temporary basis must be written in English. The wording must be clearly 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 VECCI 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 manned by Customs and Border Protection officers'.

Some ATA carnets may require a physical examination by Cargo Examination officers or by Australian Quarantine Inspection Service (AQIS) before the goods can be endorsed and entered into Australia. On presentation of the goods the carnet holder will be advised if an examination will be required. Carnets that do require an examination will require to contact the Cargo Examination officer by phone and arrange an appointment, and if required arrange an appointment for a Quarantine inspection.

Each State or Territory within Australia has different processes and procedures for assessing carnets once they arrive. Carnets that arrive in the passenger environment or as cargo may be processed at the airport on arrival, however, not all Customs and Border Protection processing of carnets take place at the port or airport of arrival. Some carnets that arrive in Australia are required to be presented to a Customs and Border Protection office away from the airport for their carnet to be endorsed, then may be sent back to the airport for an assessment by Australian Quarantine Inspection Service (AQIS).

I have included each major State and Territories core hours where carnets may be processed. The majority of these are processed by Client Services at the airport or port on arrival or at Customs House.

If carnets require to be examined by Cargo Examinations these hours do vary from state to state within Australia.

### **Offices:**

- Canberra – Customs House – Mon – Fri 8:30am – 5:00pm (except Wed 8:30am – 3:00pm) Cargo Canberra International Airport – 24 hours 7 days a week (on call)
- Melbourne – Cargo – Customs House – Melbourne (Tullamarine) Mon – Fri: 8:30am – 5:00pm. Passenger Processing - Airport 6:00am – 11:00pm 7 days a week
- Sydney – Cargo – Customs House – Sydney – (Kingsford-Smith) Mon – Fri: 8:30am – 5:00pm. Passenger Processing – Airport 6:00am – 11:00pm 7 days a week
- Northern Territory – Cargo - Customs House Darwin – Mon – Fri: 8:00am – 4:00pm.  
Passenger Processing – Airport 24 hours 7 days a week
- South Australia – Cargo – Customs Information Centre (Port Adelaide) Mon – Fri: 8:30am – 5:00pm. Passenger Processing – Adelaide Airport 7:30am – 4:30pm Mon – Fri: Weekends and Public Holidays 7:30am – 3:00pm (The operational hours at the Adelaide Airport for carnet processing do vary in the winter period).
- Western Australia – Customs House Fremantle – Mon – Fri 8:30am – 4:30pm (week days only) – Customs House Perth Airport – Mon – Fri 8:30am – 4:30pm (week days only) – Passenger Processing – Perth Airport 24 hours 7 days a week
- Brisbane – Customs House – Mon – Fri 8:30am – 5:30pm  
Passenger Processing – Brisbane Airport – 5:30am – 1:00am 7 days a week
- Hobart – Customs House – Mon – Fri 8:30am – 4:51pm

### **Special observations**

Goods and Services Tax (GST) No changes

[http://www.iccwbo.org/ata/en/ATA\\_Manual\\_Documents/Australia\\_GST.pdf](http://www.iccwbo.org/ata/en/ATA_Manual_Documents/Australia_GST.pdf)

Evidence of Identity – Still applies (Attachment A&B) Please see current information:

[http://www.customs.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/FS\\_EOI\\_Documentary\\_Decs.pdf](http://www.customs.gov.au/webdata/resources/files/FS_EOI_Documentary_Decs.pdf)

ATA Carnets being used by the motor industry to import vehicles for R&D/ testing and evaluation

Customs and Border Protection advises there is no convention that Australia is a signatory to that will allow the use of ATA Carnets for the temporary importation of vehicles for R&D/testing and evaluation. This kind of activity must be temporary imported under section 162 of the *Customs Act 1901* (the Act) and Regulation 124 of the *Customs Regulations 1926* (Regulations) provided a security or undertaking is received. The Act allows for these goods to be imported for a period of up to 12 months without the payment of duties and taxes. For goods to be imported as temporary imports they must be one the following:

- the property of a person included in a prescribed class of persons;
- included in a prescribed class; or
- Intended for a prescribed purpose.

Goods that qualify to be imported under s.162 require a security or undertaking to be provided to Australian Customs and Border Protection. The security or undertaking will cover the amount of duty, Goods and

Service Tax (GST) and where applicable Luxury Car Tax (LCT) that would have been applicable if the goods had been imported for home consumption.

A commercial importer may obtain approval to apply compliance plates to new imported vehicles under s.10A (1) or s.10A (2) of the Motor Vehicle Standard Act 1989 (MVSA). This type of approval is known as a 'Blanket VIA'.

A VIA is obtained by application to the Department of Infrastructure, Transport, Regional Development and Local Government (Infrastructure). Details of the process for applying for a VIA are contained in the brochure [Importing Vehicles to Australia](#) issued by Infrastructure.