

# China

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**Territorial application:** Customs territory.

**Field of application:** ATA Convention  
Convention concerning facilities for the importation of goods for display or use at exhibitions, trade fairs, meetings or similar events.  
Istanbul Conventions and its Annexes A, B1 (Fairs and exhibitions)

### Note

*ATA Carnets can be used in China **only** for 'Fairs and exhibitions' and **not** for 'commercial samples' or 'professional equipment'. Such Carnets are rejected by the Chinese Customs administration*

**Other applications:** ATA Carnets **are** accepted for transit operations within the meaning of the ATA and Istanbul Conventions.

ATA Carnets **are not** accepted for postal traffic.

## Languages in which Carnets should be completed

Chinese and English

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

## Regularization fee requested by Customs

As from 1 January 2013, according to Letter No.133/2012 issued by the General Customs Administration, P.R.C. on 26 December 2012, Chinese Customs will no longer collect the regularization fee of RMB 350.00 applied on each Carnet.

**Customs offices:** All Customs offices

Opening hours

**Special observations**

**Conveyance of goods within the Chinese territory**

If the goods under cover of ATA Carnets need to be conveyed from the entry Customs office to another Customs office within the Chinese territory to go through temporary importation formalities, one set of blue transit sheets should be used for this conveyance.

**Chinese Customs database**

China Customs will take electronic control over ATA Carnets. All ATA Carnets' Chinese texts will be transmitted to Customs database. The transmitting function will be performed by CCPIT/CCOIC.

For ATA goods, transported as freight goods, broker shall contact with CCPIT/CCOIC for electronic data registration before declaring to China Customs. For hand-carry goods, holders may undergo paper verification by China Customs firstly, and then go to CCPIT/CCOIC for electronic data registration in the following three working days.

The contact numbers of the 2 branch offices located in Beijing (Terminal 3 and Terminal 2) are the following: 86-10-64595422 64530430. They can be reached during working time (Monday-Friday. 9:00-16:30).

For holders entering from Shanghai, they may also contact CCPIT Shanghai Branch office at 86-21-63846628.

**Customs rules and regulations**

**Unclear description of goods**

Descriptions of goods in General Lists should be clear enough to be readily understandable by Customs officials. Unclear or handwritten lists may lead to a rejection of Carnets.

**Late re-exportation of goods**

Application for extension must be made 30 working days prior to the final date of re-exportation. The Chinese Customs administration imposes penalties on Carnet holders not following this provision.

**Vehicles subject to import licences**

Vehicles temporarily imported into China under cover of ATA Carnets must be re-exported after the exhibitions or fairs, unless getting an import license issued by the Ministry of Commerce of the P. R. China.

Used vehicles or right rudder vehicles need to get approval before temporary importation.