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OPERATION OF THE ATA CARNET SYSTEM IN CHINA

1. Chinese customs will accept ATA Carnets for the temporary import of goods for display or use at **exhibitions, fairs, meetings or similar events**. **“Commercial samples demonstration” or “Professional equipment” are rejected by the Chinese Customs Authorities.**
2. ATA Carnets must be completed in English and Chinese translation is recommended.
3. Descriptions of goods in Carnets should be clearly stated. Unclear or handwritten list will lead to a rejection of Carnets.
4. Chinese Customs are confronted with serious problems of under-valuation of goods. ATA Carnet holders should state the true commercial value of the goods, otherwise they could risk non-acceptance of the ATA Carnet and even confiscation of the goods.
5. Note that all import of goods including the goods covered by using ATA Carnets are required to lodge Import Pre-notification (預錄入) to the Chinese Customs. The weight of the goods needs to be mentioned on ATA Carnet. Otherwise, ATA Carnet will be refused by Chinese Customs..
6. All Chinese Customs offices are authorized to accept ATA Carnets during normal working hours, during weekdays.
7. ATA Carnet holders wishing to obtain an extension of the period they have been granted by Chinese Customs for the re-exportation of their goods, they have to apply for an extension to the Customs house which examined and approved the temporary importation of the goods no later than 30 days prior to the expiry of the prescribed time limit.
8. Vehicle temporarily imported into China under cover of ATA Carnet will not be accepted until further notice.
9. As approved by the State Council of the People’s Republic of China, the Customs General Administration of the People’s Republic of China has appointed as national guaranteeing organization, the China Chamber of International Commerce (CCOIC).
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