# CARNET NETWORK CIRCULAR 89

**TO:** **All UK Carnet Issuing Chambers and Branches**

**SUBJECT:** **UAE will transition to digital ATA Carnets on 9 November 2026**

**DATE:** **2 November 2026**

Dear Colleague,

From **9 November 2026**, ATA Carnets will be accepted throughout the **UAE (all seven Emirates)**, and all Customs offices will be authorised to process them. Digital Carnet processing is scheduled to begin at 00:00 UTC (04:00 UAE time).

**Important note 1:** All airfreight and seafreight shipments must include a printed transaction QR code as a backup as in some locations, Customs processing the Carnet may be in the area not accessible to the public.

**Important note 2:** Any existing temporary admission into the UAE processed using a paper Carnet must be discharged using the same paper Carnet when the goods are re-exported.

It is expected that UAE Customs will accept digital Carnets issued on or after 1 June for use in their territory:

- ATA Carnets issued **on or after 1 June 2026,** that include UAE in Box P, may be presented and processed digitally in the UAE

- ATA Carnets issued **before 1 June 2026** are **not eligible** for digital processing and must continue to be presented and processed on paper

For example, an eligible ATA Carnet issued in July 2026 for travel to the UAE may be processed digitally from 9 November 2026. Holders can prepare their UAE travel in the ATA Carnet App before go-live. Until activation, the app will show the UAE as a paper country for these prepared travels. Once digital processing is activated on 9 November, the prepared travels will display a QR code.

Yours sincerely,

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