

Saudi Arabia (SA)

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National Guaranteeing Association

The Federation of Saudi Chambers

Date of accession to the ATA system

01/06/2024

Field of application notified

Istanbul Convention

Annex A on "temporary admission of documents"

Annex B1 on "goods for display or use at exhibitions, fairs, meetings or similar events" (foc samples are not allowed)

Annex B2 (concerning professional equipment (but excluding sports equipment))

Annex B3 (concerning commercial samples)

Annex B5 (concerning goods imported for educational, scientific or cultural purposes)

Other applications

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

ATA Carnets **are** accepted for transit.

ATA Carnets **are** accepted for hand-carried goods and cargo.

Importation in multiple / split consignments **is** accepted

Languages in which Carnets should be completed

English – Arabic

Mandatory pre-notification

All Carnets must be pre-approved by Saudi Zakat, Tax and Customs Authority (ZATCA). Carnet holders must lodge requests (free of charge) via ZATCA's official website https://eservices.zatca.gov.sa/sites/sc/en/TemporaryEntrybyCardBook/Pages/TemporaryEntrybyCardBook/Client/RequestLanding.aspx User guide Service User Manual.

Kindly note: When submitting the request, please make sure to submit a copy of the Carnet's front cover page and general list in the designated box during registration. The cover page's box J must be duly completed before submission. If a Letter of authorization (PoA for the representative to submit the carnet declaration in Saudi) exits, it must be submitted as well.

Replacement carnet

Accepted in accordance with Article 14 of Annex A to the Istanbul Convention. Carnet Holder must contact Saudi Customs before the Carnet expires to request approval for the Replacement Carnet (extension). Customs Control Department, Email: coc-temporary@zatca.gov.sa Tel.: 19993

Regularization fee requested by Customs

In case a claim is regularised by proof other than the re-exportation counterfoil completed and stamped by the Saudi Customs, Saudi Customs Authority reserves the right to charge a regularisation fee. The amount is to be confirmed but shall be consistent with the provision of Article 10 and 11 of the Annex A, Istanbul Convention.

Customs offices

All Customs offices are authorised to handle ATA Carnet procedure.

Special observations

Time limit for re-exportation of goods: If the goods or a part thereof cannot be re-exported outside KSA under ATA carnet before the re-export deadline, the holder of ATA carnet shall notify the Saudi Customs Authority before the expiry of such deadline in writing to extend the said date or give a permission for the internal use that is conditional upon the Saudi Customs Authority's approval. Saudi Customs Authority may be notified at the following address: Customs Control Department, email: coc-temporary@zatca.gov.sa Tel.: 19993

Failing to re-export goods by the final date of re-exportation as specified by Saudi Customs, a penalty of SR 1,000 shall be payable for every week or part of the week past the re-exportation date, taking into consideration that the final amount shall not exceed 20% of the value of the goods. Goods not re-exported, for whatever reason, shall be subject to import duties, taxes, and penalties according to the Common Customs law. The responsibility of the national guaranteeing associations shall not exceed the amount of import duties and taxes payable by more than 10%, as specified in Article 8 (2) of Annex A to the Istanbul Convention. The additional penalty amount that goes beyond the responsibility of the national guaranteeing associations shall be directly imposed on the holders.

Prohibited items: goods subject to import prohibition and restrictions are found on the Customs administration website.

Valuation of items: In case of false declarations as to the goods' value, the ATA Carnet shall be rejected at time of import. False declaration of value of the goods may further entail seizure/confiscation of the goods, and/or the application of fines to the holder. The holder will be held accountable, and the customs procedures shall be applied in accordance with the Common Customs Law.