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Territorial application: The entire common Customs area, which means the combined areas of the Republic of South Africa, the Republic of Botswana, the Kingdom of Lesotho and the Kingdom of Swaziland and the Republic of Namibia.

Field of application: ATA Convention
Convention on "Professional equipment"
Convention on "Exhibitions and Fairs"
Convention on "Commercial Samples"
Istanbul Convention and its Annexes A and B1

The application of the ATA Carnet System covers the entire common Customs area, which means the combined areas of the Republic of South Africa, the Republic of Botswana, the Kingdom of Lesotho and the Kingdom of Swaziland and the Republic of Namibia (BLNS States).

Other applications: ATA Carnets **are not** accepted for postal traffic

ATA Carnets **are** accepted for transit in the case of non-accompanied good which because of their size and/or their nature must be forwarded from the Customs office of temporary importation to an international Customs office for checking purposes.

Languages in which Carnets should be completed

English. The Customs may require a translation when the ATA Carnets are completed in any other language. The translation is to be furnished by the importer or his agent.

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

Regularization fee requested by Customs No

Customs offices: All Customs offices are authorized to accept ATA Carnets during normal opening hours.

All hours during which Customs offices are open to the public. All Customs offices except those at international airports are closed on Saturdays and legal holidays.

Ports authorized to provide proofs of re-exportation on the ATA Carnets used in the South African Customs Union (SACU) countries, i.e. South Africa, Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland.

Please note that any of the Customs Offices on the attached map can be used. **HOWEVER**, for **acquittal purposes** (i.e. proof of re-exportation out of South Africa), only the listed border ports are valid (Annex overleaf refers)

This means for instance that one can have an **entry** stamp from Oshoek (# 30) and an **exit** stamp from Nerston (# 32). The Carnet holder is now somewhere in Mpumalanga, which is still within the common customs union (SACU) but is not an accepted border port for the **re-exportation**. Therefore, carnet holder must exit South Africa, through Lebombo (# 26) or through Johannesburg International Airport (JIA).

From the map, you will note:

- Border ports numbers 1 - 6 and 53 goes into Namibia.
- To get from Namibia out of South Africa, you can utilize Walvisbay or Windhoek Airport, or any of the ports listed in Annex.
- Border ports numbers 7 - 23 goes into Botswana.
- To get from Botswana out of South Africa you can utilize Kazangula or any of the ports listed in Annex.
- Border ports numbers 39 to 52 goes into Lesotho.
- To get from Lesotho out of South Africa you can utilize any of the ports listed in Annex.
- Border ports numbers 27 –37 goes into Swaziland.
- To get from Swaziland out of South Africa, you can utilize any of the posts listed in Annex.

In the above analogy we have used the closest ports of exit, but any port on the list below, is valid.

This means that all numerated Customs offices apply, but for proof of re-exportation, the following ports are deemed to be places of re-exportation:

South African Border Posts

Komatipoort

Beitbridge

Special observations

When goods are imported into South Africa temporarily into one of the coastal ports for onward delivery to inland port, issuing bodies must ensure that the carnet will include TRANSIT vouchers and counterfoils for the purpose of being directed directly to the inland port without Customs examination and delays.

South African Revenue Services (SARS) **DO NOT** accept foreign ATA Carnets issued for private motor vehicles and any other related equipment for the purposes of immigration, contract work, holidaying or temporary work permits.

ATA Carnets are permitted for the use of vehicles in the following instances: demonstration, testing and/or racing for professional bodies only", and not for private use by individuals or companies.