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# CUSTOMS NOTICE N-534

## New ATA Carnet Format

1. This notice is to advise you that the format of ATA Carnets will change as of October 1, 2003.
2. The ATA Carnet is an internationally recognized customs document used to document the temporary importation and exportation of goods. In Canada, this document may be used in place of the Form E29B, *Temporary Admission Permit*, and serves as a cargo control document as well as acting as a security deposit for customs duties and taxes in the event the importer fails to comply with Canada's customs laws.
3. An ATA Carnet package currently contains exportation, importation, re-exportation and re-importation sheets, each consisting of two parts, the counterfoil and the voucher. The counterfoil is located at the top of the sheet and remains with the ATA Carnet package. The remainder of the sheet is the voucher. Once both the counterfoil and voucher are completed, the customs inspector removes and retains the voucher from the package. The importation and re-exportation vouchers are eventually matched to confirm that the goods entered on the ATA Carnet have been re-exported.
4. The World Chambers Federation (WCF) has advised the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency (CCRA) that, as of October 1, 2003, ATA Carnets will be issued in a new format. The new ATA Carnet will be printed on smaller paper and contains minor cosmetic changes to the size of some fields. However, the information required on the cover, the general list, the counterfoils, vouchers and back cover remains the same. The major change is the consolidation of all the counterfoils on one page, separate from the vouchers. When a voucher is completed and removed from the carnet package, the customs inspector

will have to ensure that the related counterfoil on the counterfoil page is completed (for example, the re-importation voucher and the re-importation counterfoil). It is important to note that the new counterfoil page is double sided.

5. The new ATA Carnet format will officially come into effect October 1, 2003, and the final date for the issuance of carnets in the old format is December 18, 2004. Customs inspectors may accept ATA Carnet packages in the new format prior to October 1, 2003. Issuing associations may choose to use the new carnets prior to that date, if they run out of stock close to implementation date. Customs inspectors can expect to receive ATA Carnet packages in the old format until all the stocks are depleted but not beyond December 2005, (ATA Carnets are valid for one year)
6. Further information concerning the ATA Carnet can be found in Memorandum D8-1-7, *Use of Carnets for the Temporary Admission of Goods*.

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