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Request to facilitate procedures relating to the ATA Carnet during the COVID-19 pandemic

March 26, 2020

In view of the difficulties caused worldwide by the COVID-19 pandemic, Mr. Kunio Mikuriya, Secretary General of the World Customs Organization, sent a letter on March 20, 2020 encouraging the contracting

[\[1\]](#)
parties to the Temporary Admission Conventions to offer sufficient facilities to holders of ATA Carnets and their representatives allowing them to re-export temporarily imported goods, without unexpected additional costs, when delays in re-export are due to preventive measures taken by the governments of the Contracting Parties to combat the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

This initiative was taken in consultation with Mr. John WH Denton AO, Secretary General of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), since many National Guarantor Associations (ANG) have recently expressed concern about the preventive measures taken to limit the spread of COVID-19 which could cause delays in the re-export of imported goods using ATA Carnets

As many countries and cities are currently subject to strict quarantine and containment measures, holders of ATA Carnets and their representatives based in these affected areas face difficulties when they have to re-export temporarily imported goods within the set deadlines. Certain holders of ATA Carnets and their representatives cannot leave their home or their hotel and are unable to complete the formalities for customs clearance of goods and to dispatch their goods within the required time. The delivery of replacement tickets is also difficult, given the potential stoppage or delays in postal services. Most importantly, customs administrations refuse replacement titles for extension. For exemple.

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Recalling that the Conventions do not prevent the Contracting Parties from offering greater facilities, at their discretion, to holders of ATA Carnets and their representatives, Mr. Mikuriya asked the Contracting Parties to think about ways of making the procedures more flexible ATA Carnets, keeping in mind that the delays in re-exports are entirely due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Such facilitation measures will be considered to be consistent with the updated WHO recommendations on international traffic in relation to the COVID-19 outbreak as well as with the WCO press release on the coronavirus pandemic (COVID -19), which seek to minimize trade restrictions for countries affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

[1] Conventions relating to temporary admission, including the Convention relating to temporary admission (Istanbul, 26 June 1990 - commonly known as the Istanbul Convention) and the Customs Convention on the ATA Carnet for the temporary admission of goods, (commonly known as the ATA Convention).

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