



United Kingdom (GB)

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London Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Date of accession to the ATA system

19/07/1963

Digital Date

1 June 2026

All shipments arriving via airfreight or seafreight must include a printed QR code as a backup, as the Customs office may be located in an area that is not accessible to the public.

Pre-arrival option	
Pre-arrival notice	Not available
Pre-arrival declaration	Not available
Pre-arrival declaration with remote commitment	Not available

Field of application notified

ATA Convention

Convention on "Professional equipment"

Convention on "Exhibitions and Fairs"

Convention on "Commercial Samples"

Convention on "Scientific equipment"

Istanbul Convention and all its Annexes

Territorial coverage

Customs territory ID	Customs territory name
GB	United Kingdom

GB-GG	Guernsey
GB-IM	Isle of Man
GB-JE	Jersey

Other applications

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

ATA Carnets **are** accepted for transit.

Languages in which Carnets should be completed

English

Replacement carnet

Yes, in accordance with Annex A, Chapter VI, Article 14 of the Istanbul Convention on Temporary Admission of Goods.

Carnet Holders wishing to keep their goods in the UK beyond the validity of the ATA Carnet must obtain permission from the UK Customs (ataCarnetunit@hmrc.gov.uk) before the original Carnet expires. The request email should explain the reason for extension and an estimate of when the goods will be re-exported from the UK. Once the permission has been granted, UK Customs will advise the Carnet Holder on what steps need to be taken to complete the procedure.

Regularization fee requested by Customs

No

Customs offices

ATA carnets are accepted at all ports and airports where Customs facilities for the clearance of goods, passengers, and baggage are provided.

Anyone entering or departing the United Kingdom via Dover, Euroshuttle or Holyhead should be aware of the inland sites that have been introduced to take the pressure away from the ports. These sites can process ATA Carnets, CITES, TIR and CTC documentation:

[Guidance: Attending an inland border facility](#)

For traffic over the land boundary between the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland, the normal hours of opening are 09.00 – 17.00 hours. Any ATA Carnets entering or leaving the United Kingdom via Northern Ireland, should be endorsed in Northern Ireland.

Special observations

Further information on the relevant aspects of the ATA Carnet scheme in the UK can be found here: [Guidance: Apply for an ATA Carnet](#)

Requirements for hauliers (freight forwarders) as of 01 January 2022:

1. The goods vehicle movement service (GVMS) – any hauliers crossing into or out of the UK, via any port, will need to register for the service to get their goods through customs. ATA Carnet number should be entered in the “Declaration Reference” field for the GVMS declaration. GMR

Reference is also required for personal or company vehicles transporting Carnet goods in both directions, i.e. exiting UK and returning to UK. For freighted goods, GMR will be obtained by the freight forwarder. For holders driving the goods in personal or company vehicles, if they don't have their own HMRC accounts to obtain GRM, they can contact LCCI to obtain the GMR reference for their shipment using the following link: [please click here to submit a GMR request](#). They can also contact other Customs Agents in the market.

Personal Cars and Vans travelling to UK via **Calais Euroshuttle** will need to go to the Freight Terminal to get their Carnet stamped, as French Customs do not have Carnet processing facilities at the Passenger Terminal (GVM will be required to enter the freight terminal).

2. Harwich Port – as of 01 January 2022, hauliers passing via the freight terminal will need to lodge a **Customs Clearance Request** before arriving at the port. [Form C21](#) allows hauliers that do not have access to the UK Customs System to lodge a request (note that shipments via Calais and Dunkerque do NOT need to lodge this request).