# ATA Carnet Training U.S. Commercial Service Export Assistance Centers

From boomerang freight<sup>SM</sup> solutions by Corporation for International Business, an ATA Carnet Service Provider for the USCIB.



### Agenda

- Introductory Remarks
- Overview of the ATA Carnet System
- Use of the ATA Carnet
- Conditions of Use
- Claims
- Customs Support
- Further Training

### Introductory Remarks

- Goals of this training document:
  - Understanding the ATA Carnet system and how it helps promote U.S. exports.
  - Provide consistent, documented directions for using ATA Carnets.
  - Reduce the risk of ATA Carnet claims through education thus protecting the exporter's assets.

# Overview of the ATA Carnet System

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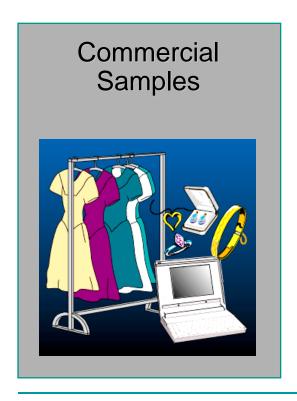
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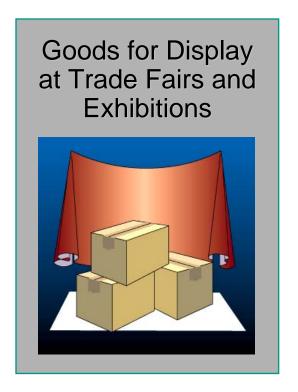
Practical Advantages of the ATA Carnet system.

### What is the ATA Carnet?

An international, unified Customs document that provides for temporary, duty and tax free admission of three main categories of goods to a worldwide system of countries:







## Aim of the ATA Carnet System

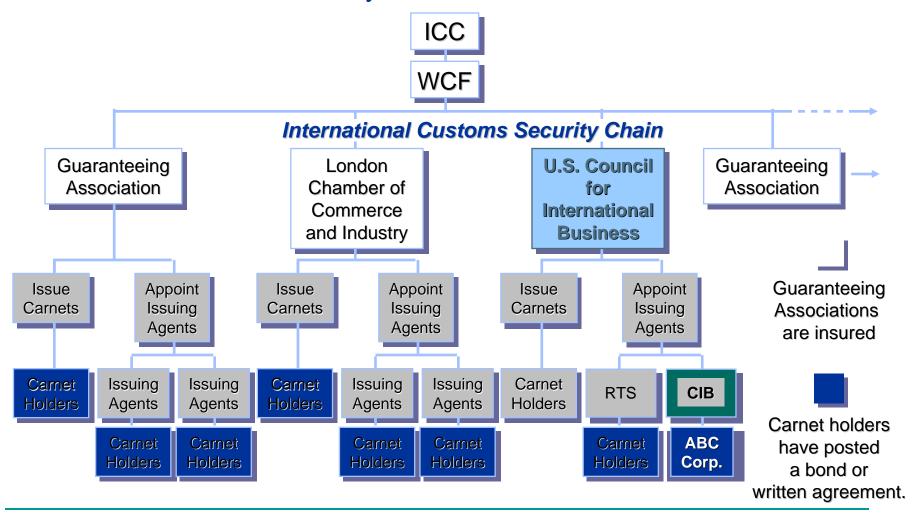
- To facilitate the temporary duty and tax free admission of goods by...
  - Introducing the ATA Carnet document and,
  - Setting up an internationally valid customs security chain.
- Additionally, the ATA Carnet acts in lieu of a national temporary exportation document e.g.. US Registration of Goods CF4455.

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# Countries & Territories in Which the ATA Carnet System is in Force

Algeria, Andorra, Australia, Austria, Balearic Islands, Belarus, Belgium, Botswana, Bulgaria, Canada, Canary Islands, Ceuta, Chile, China, Corsica, Core D'Ivoire, Croatia, Curacao, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, French Guiana, Guam, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Guadeloupe, Guernsey, Hong Kong, Hungary, Iceland, India, Iran, Ireland, Isle of Man, Israel, Italy, Japan, Jersey, Republic of Korea, Latvia, Lebanon, Lesotho, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Macau, Macedonia, Malaysia, Malta, Martinique, Mauritius, Mayotte, Melilla, Miquelon, Monaco, Mongolia, Montenegro, Morocco, Namibla, Netherlands, New Caledonia, New Zealand, Norway, Pakistan, Poland, Portugal, Ruerto Rico, Romania, Reunion Island, Romania, Russian Federation, Saipan, Senegal, Serbia, Singapore, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sri Lanka, St. Barthelemy, St. Martin/St. Maarten, St. Pierre, Sweden, Switzerland, Tahiti, Taiwan, Tasmania, Thailand, Tunisia, Turkey, Ukraine, United Kingdom, U.S.A., Wallis & Fortuna Islands, Yugoslav Republic

# How does the World Chambers Federation ATA Carnet Security Chain Work?



## Practical Advantages of the ATA Carnet System

- Useful for prospecting outlets for products in foreign markets.
- Less paperwork for customs officials and Carnet holders.
- Eliminates the need for deposits or guarantees at border points.
- Valid for up to one year.
- For business people
  - Saves time and money
  - Improves international competitive position
- For customs
  - Less administration
  - Increased guarantee

## ATA Carnets in the U.S.

Role of United States Council for International Business.

Role of Corporation for International Business.

### Role of USCIB

- USCIB is the United States Council for International Business.
- A private, non-profit international business policy-making organization.
- The national guaranteeing association (NGA) for ATA Carnets in the U.S.
- Oversees issuing of all ATA Carnets in the U.S.

### Role of CIB

- CIB is the Corporation for International Business.
- CIB is appointed by USCIB to issue carnets and service carnet clients. An appointed "agent" for USCIB.
- Accepts ATA Carnet applications, issues ATA Carnets, services ATA Carnet clients, markets the ATA Carnet to US exporters, provides ATA Carnet training & education, provides carnet claims support.

## Use of the ATA Carnet

How do carnets work?

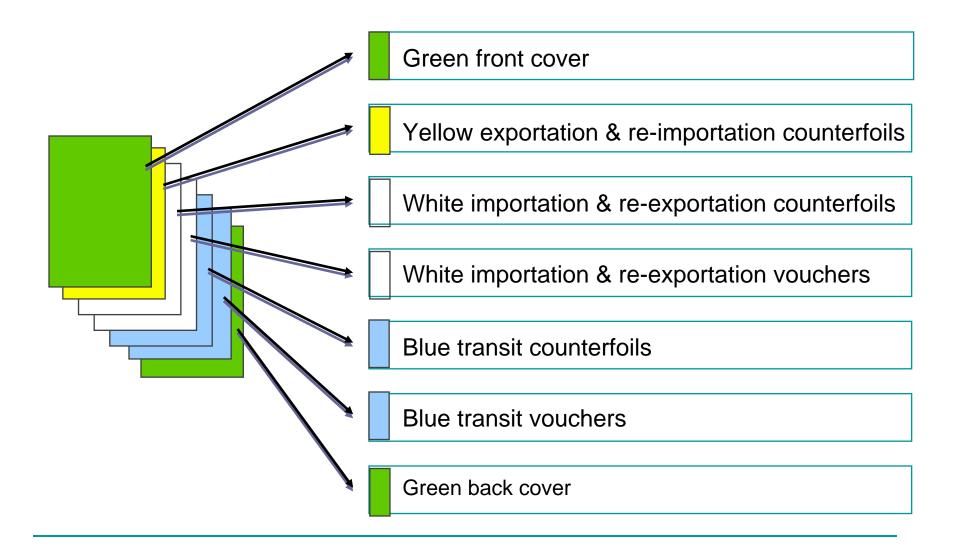
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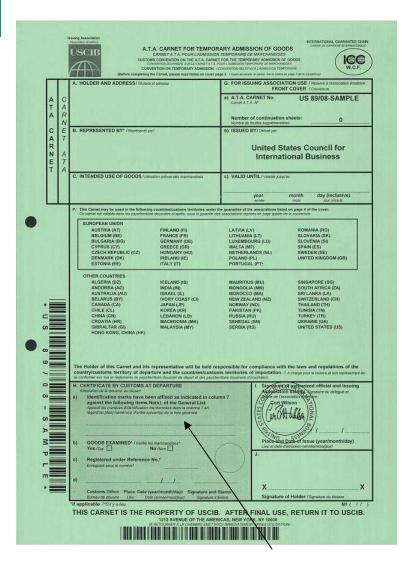
Summary

### Summary-How Do ATA Carnets Work?

Official identification, dates, and list of goods: Master General List Exit point customs endorsement Entry point customs endorsement / Voucher retained by customs Departure point customs endorsement / Voucher retained by customs Transit entry/exit customs endorsement / Voucher retained by customs Re-importation customs endorsement Notes on use of ATA Carnet

### How Do ATA Carnets Work?

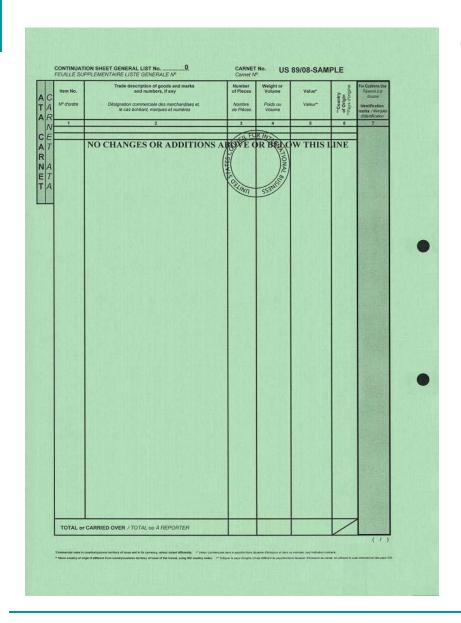




#### Green Cover

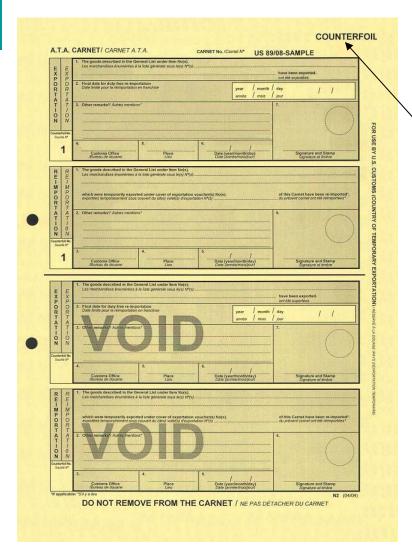
- Holder signs Carnet
- US CBP validates prior to initial export. Without, foreign customs can deny entry
- acts as registration, US Customs form 4455
- shows countries in which Carnet may be used
- number of continuation sheets follows Carnet number

CBP must validate on FIRST departure



### General List

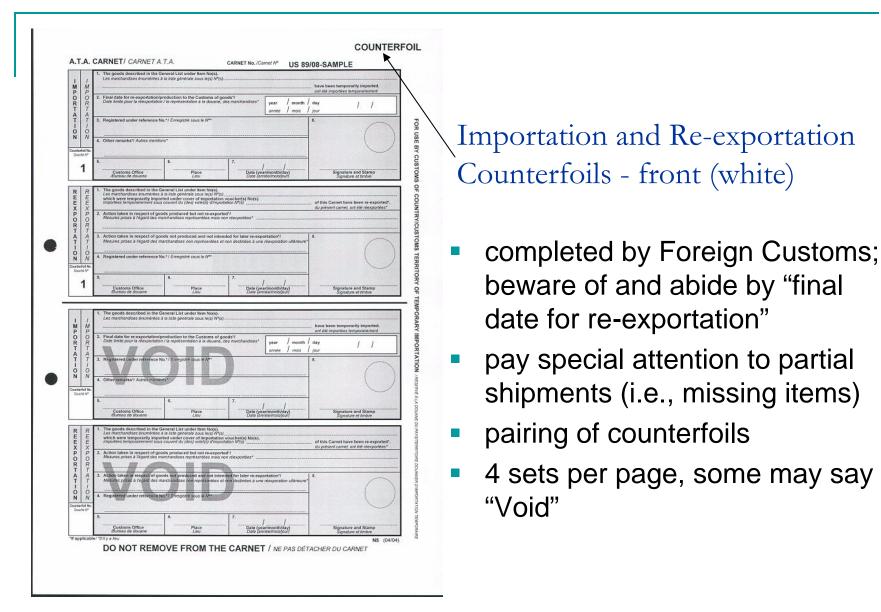
- Holder provides reasonable written description of goods, serial numbers, value, weight, origin
- like-items grouped together
- most General Lists printed on the back green cover
- continuation sheets printed on green paper



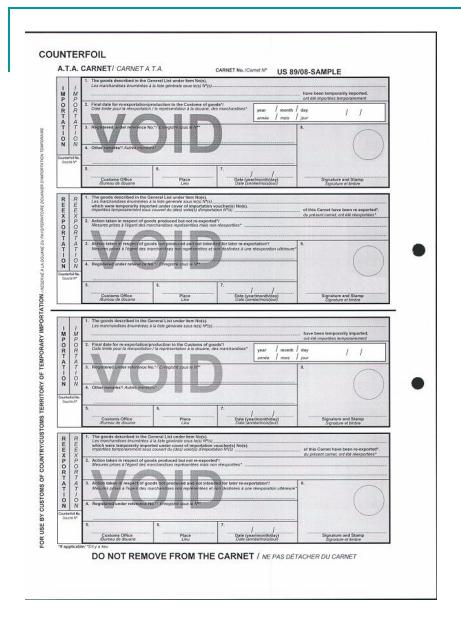
### Exportation and Reimportation Counterfoils (yellow)

- completed by CBP
- pay special attention to partial shipments (i.e., missing items)
- secure CBP validation upon re-entry, even if after expiration
- NO voucher for EXPORT & RE-IMPORT counterfoil on U.S.-issued Carnets
- pairing of counterfoils
- 4 sets per page, some may say "Void"
- large numbers in lower left corner
- "Counterfoil" in upper right corners

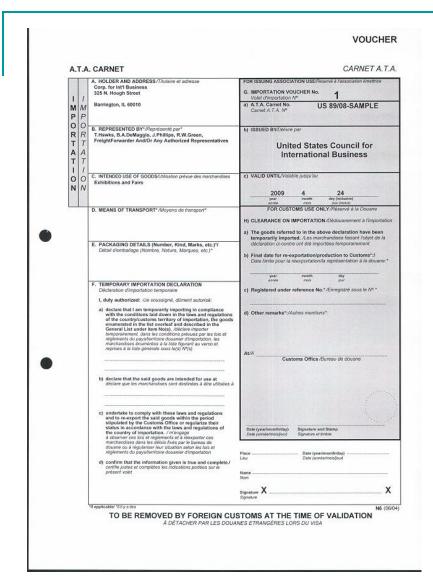
Validated by CBP when exiting and re-entering the U.S.



Validated by Foreign Customs upon entering and exiting the foreign country



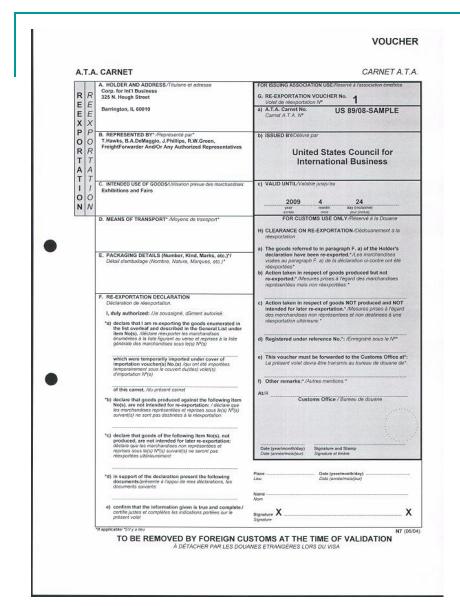
#### Voided Counterfoil Sets



# Importation Vouchers (white)

- Holder completes D-F and signs
- shaded areas completed by Foreign Customs
- removed by Foreign Customs to be matched with re-export voucher
- use voucher and counterfoil with same number, e.g., #2

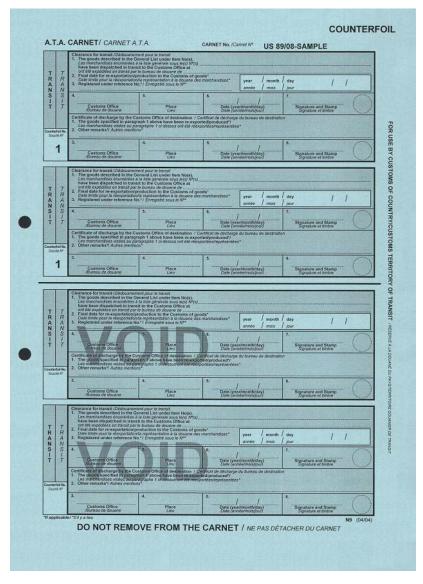
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# Re-exportation Voucher - (white)

- Holder completes D-F and signs
- shade areas completed by Foreign Customs
- note only those items departing
- payment of duty noted in H(b-c)
- removed by Foreign Customs;
   matched with Import voucher
- validate re-export voucher #2 if import counterfoil # 2 was opened

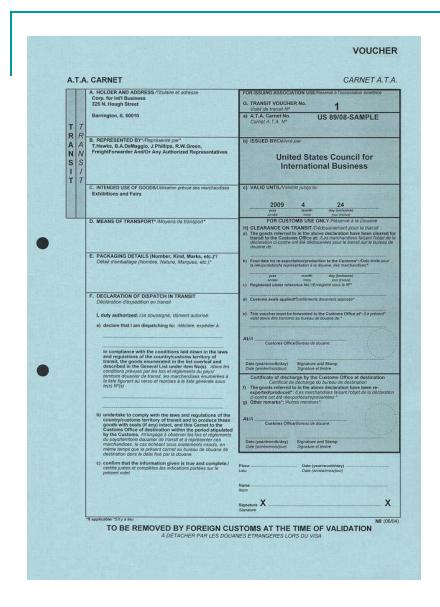
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### Transit Counterfoils

- completed by Foreign Customs
- used for:
  - Traveling through but not "entering" a foreign country
  - special circumstances, e.g., jewelry and fairs in Switzerland, Poland
- pairing of counterfoils
- 4 sets per page, some may say "Void"
- large number in lower left corners

Validated by Foreign Customs when transiting a foreign country



### Transit Vouchers

Holder completesD-F and signs

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# Conditions of Use of the ATA Carnet

The agreement ATA Carnet Holders (Users) make with USCIB and, indirectly, with U.S. and foreign Customs.

### What the "Conditions of Use" Mean

- When a carnet application is submitted the applicant/exporter agrees to abide by the conditions of use.
- The conditions of use are the terms that the applicant agrees to in order to receive the carnet document and its benefits.
- If the conditions are not followed, complications occur which usually cost everyone involved, time and money.

# Conditions to be Observed by ATA Carnet Holders

- Re-export goods according to the terms of the carnet typically within 1 year.
- Observe customs regulations, both domestic and foreign.
- Take responsibility for costs incurred by guarantor i.e. USCIB.
- Assume liabilities if goods are not re-exported that is timely payment of any duties and/or taxes.
- Return carnet, timely, to Service Provider after use.
- Reimburse any customs liabilities incurred.

### Terms & Conditions

- In connection with the use of this Carnet, I, as the Holder of the Carnet, and my representative(s), undertake:
- to timely repatriate, under Carnet, all of the goods taken abroad,
- to produce satisfactory and timely evidence to cancel or mitigate any <u>claim</u> issued against my Carnet by a foreign guaranteeing association,
- to comply with all Customs regulations and requirements both in the United States and abroad, and
- to accept responsibility for the results of the negotiations or proceedings with any Customs Authority conducted by me as the Holder or by the U.S. Council for International Business on my behalf.

### Terms & Conditions continued

- I further agree:
- to return the Carnet to Corporation for International Business with all used and unused counterfoils/vouchers within 15 days after my final trip by receipted mail, and
- to retain a copy for my records.
- Also, I agree to pay all charges associated with processing this application. Details of these charges can be provided by a Carnet Customer Service & Sales Representative by calling the CIB Carnet HelpLine at 1-800-282-2900.

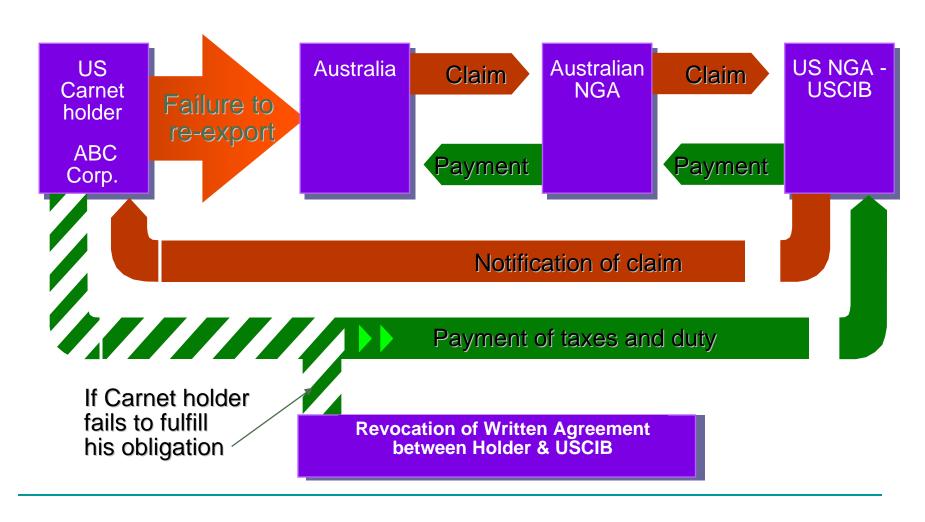
# Consequences of Violating Conditions of the Carnet

The Claims Payment System.

Claims, payment of duties and taxes, penalties.

Avoiding Claims, Duties & Taxes.

## The Claims Payment System



## Avoiding Duties, Taxes And Penalties

"Failure to follow instructions can result in a penalty of up to 40% of the General List value."

### When a Holder Departs the United States with

#### **Hand-Carried Goods**

Prior to leaving the U.S., the holder must sign the first green counterfoil on the bottom right on the space that reads "Signature of Holder". Then the official carnet (NOT a copy) is presented to customs for validation before the goods depart. The customs official stamps and signs the shaded portions of the green front cover bottom left hand side of form and yellow exportation counterfoil to activate the carnet.

### A Holder Departing the Foreign Country (US)

The Holder presents the foreign ATA Carnet to the customs official and signs the white reexportation voucher on the bottom, under their printed name. The customs inspector signs and stamps the shaded portion and then tears out the voucher.

# Arrival back into the U.S.A. of an ATA Carnet

When re-entering the United States – the Holder MUST SEE U.S. CUSTOMS. The Holder presents the ATA Carnet to the customs inspector. US Customs signs and stamps the yellow re-importation counterfoil at the top. Customs does not remove this part of this page. It should remain in the Carnet.

# Customer Service

Toll-free Telephone

E-mail

Web site

Future Training and Service Enhancements

### Toll-Free Telephone Numbers

- CIB Carnet HelpLine<sup>SM -</sup> 800 ATA-2900
- Int'l Carnet HelpLine<sup>SM</sup> 00 800 4CARNETS

The HelpLine is answered by a Carnet Customer Service and Sales Representative during normal business hours. After hours, on weekends and holidays the caller gets a recording and is directed to a designated emergency contact.

### Toll-Free Telephone Numbers continued

- There are four Customer Service and Sales Representatives (CSSRs) working staggered shifts every business day.
- Any of these CSSRs can assist you:
  - Steve Hoskins
  - Jackie Dalgleish
  - Monika Jadeszko
  - Peggy Laxner, Customer Service and Sales Supervisor

### E-Mail Customer Service

- E-mail is responded to within 2 hours during normal business hours.
- E-mail received after normal business hours will be responded to the following business day.
- <u>carnets@atacarnet.com</u> is the customer service e-mail address.

### ATACarnet.com Web site

- Orientation for new Trade Specialists.
- Up-to-Date Carnet Countries & Territories.
- Online Customer Service Help page.
- Carnet & Carnet Country Advisories.

# Future Service Enhancements and Training

 CIB can conduct online trainings with USEAC staff using the GoToMeeting tool and conference calling.

### Thank you for your attention.

- Additional questions about this presentation can be addressed to:
- The CIB ATA Carnet HelpLine<sup>SM</sup>
  - □ 800-ATA-2900

