

Fort William 21-22 May 2022

Travelling into the UK with equipment

Due to Brexit and a change to UK Border controls, any equipment that is not personal kit, is subject to temporary import and return regulations.

This applies in particular to any new/unused equipment that you may be bringing with you to Fort William.

The approved way of temporary import and export (avoiding possible searches, imposition of tariffs and penalties) is an ATA Carnet.

If you intend to bring items that will be sold or left in the UK, you will be liable for import tax and duty.

British Cycling have provided a covering letter, which may be of some assistance at the UK Border - but it has no formal status.

ATA Carnet

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/apply-for-an-ata-carnet>

- Straightforward when you have the paperwork.
- With an ATA Carnet, you do not have to pay customs duty or tax.
- You are not considered as freight with a Carnet, travelling in a van.
- You will need an EORI number (European Operators Registration & Identification Number)
- You compile a list of all the non-personal items you are carrying, add them to the Carnet.
- On entry to the UK you must get the Carnet stamped by UK Customs
- On exiting the UK you must get the Carnet stamped again. The border staff may check the list - but unlikely.

Getting a Carnet

A Carnet can be organised in most countries, with local pricing. A 24 Hour service is possible in some countries. Boomerang is an international ATA Carnet organisation, which offers extensive guidance & FAQ.

www.boomerangcarnets.co.uk

- Be accurate with the list of items you include in the Carnet.
- Tool boxes and small spares can be summarised as a servicing kit, with a nominal value.
- All drivers should be listed in the "Represented by" section of the Carnet.
- Promotional items (tents, flags etc) should be included

Travelling with a Carnet

Tourist or VP (Van on Passenger) Lane: Vans with a carnet are not considered as freight BUT will require to get Carnet stamped (and vehicle contents possibly checked). At Dover/Folkstone this will require visit to the Inland Border Facility.

GMR (Goods Movement Reference) and **GVMS** (Goods Vehicle Movement Service): This is intended for HGV hauliers and may already be understood by teams with large vehicles. It should not be required by Teams with smaller vans.

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/register-for-the-goods-vehicle-movement-service?utm_campaign=transition_p6&utm_medium=cpc&utm_source=seg&utm_content=ukb_hauluk_act161&utm_term=&qclid=Cj0KCQiApL2QBhC8ARIsAGMm-KHTPdKTgJRqjZZDE_iNUeLWj-igbzRQDAVjg10kg-uRq14ydbP43klaApFOEALw_wcB&qclsrc=aw.ds

Time spent on clearance etc: It depends - but be prepared for extra time to get paperwork checked when you enter and exit the UK. There is the possibility of queues, extra checks, listed items inspection etc.

Paperwork: Have everything ready and it must be properly stamped, both on entry and exit.

Used kit: Treated as the same goods as on the list but with a level of wear. This is OK if the items on the Carnet list are the same on exit as it was on entry. Pay particular attention to items such as tyres, broken rims etc. In theory these should be kept and not disposed before exiting the UK if they are on the original list.

Personal kit: Must be realistic. If in doubt add to Carnet.

Consumables: Food, drink, etc cannot be included in a carnet.

Customs Checks

1. **Exit Europe** - Get Carnet stamped at Customs before boarding Ferry/Train.

2. Enter UK - Get Carnet stamped at UK Customs. If using Channel crossings or Eurotunnel, after leaving Ferry or Tunnel terminal, go to 24hr truck stop off Jct 11 of the M20 (Inland Border Facility). Drive to the truck park at the back of the building, enter your reg number into the screen at the barrier. Go inside the building with your documents. They will take your carnet and give you a ticket, you get a text when they are ready to give it back to you. They give you another ticket with an exit code to leave the compound.

3. Exit UK - Get Carnet stamped at UK Customs, as on entering UK.

4. Enter EU - Get Carnet stamped at EU Customs (at Eurotunnel this is on the UK side, after French customs)

Some other useful info, contacts

Eurotunnel Freight and VP services 01303 282244 (

Eurotunnel Passenger 03443 353535

UK National ATA Carnet Unit

HM Revenue and Customs, Telephone: 0300 322 9434 Email: atacarnetunit@hmrc.gov.uk