

"FICCI Workshop on ATA Carnet - Your Visa for Temporary Export/Import of Goods between International Borders"- ORGANISED BY FICCI Carnet also Available for Indonesia, Dubai and Pakistan

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Mr. M Sreedhar Reddy, IRS, Commissioner, Customs Calicut, inaugurated the Workshop on ATA Carnet organised by FICCI (Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry in association with Malabar Chamber of Commerce, Calicut Chamber of Commerce and Kerala Chamber of Commerce (Southern Region). Highlighting the importance of the workshop for the local export community Mr. Deepak L. Aswani, Co-Chairman, FICCI Kerala State Council, stated during his opening remarks that, "The workshop is a great initiative by FICCI in educating people on the use of Carnet and appreciating the value it brings to the export community." Mr. Nirankar Saxena, Senior Director, FICCI, believes that ATA Carnet has tremendous benefits. According to him FICCI was working on a special framework for the MSME sector to increase the usage of ATA Carnet. There was also a presentation made on the application and practical usages of ATA Carnet by Ms. Vijayalakshmi, Deputy Director, FICCI. Mr. K Janardanan, Airport Director (AAI), Kozhikode International Airport, Calicut made a special address on the occasion.

ATA Carnet is a temporary admission document which simplifies the customs procedures and clearances in a foreign country, without paying duty or a bank guarantee for temporary import into that country. Like a passport for goods, ATA Carnet allows for the goods for which it was issued to enter any of the participating countries for up to one year. An ATA Carnet holder can avoid customs declaration and can do away with security deposit or guarantees in the country of importation. In India, FICCI is the sole National Guarantor for ATA Carnets.

ATA Carnet covers several areas for use including trade fairs, shows, exhibitions, meetings etc. for temporary export into a country which is a signatory to the conventions governing ATA Carnets. Goods must be re-exported out of every country and re-imported into India within a year. At present 75 countries recognize ATA Carnet, including Australia, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Spain, UAE, UK and USA. To facilitate Carnet like mechanism for temporary movement of goods/exhibits between India and Taiwan, a protocol has also been signed between FICCI in India and TAITRA in Taiwan.

