

Russia

1. List of Russian Customs Offices entitled to accept ATA Carnets for the purpose of Customs clearance

2. 2014 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games - Sochi (Russia), 7-23 February 2014 and 7 to 16 March 2014

On 3 November 2011, the Russian Government adopted a resolution on the special procedures for the entry into Russia of foreign goods intended for the organization and holding of the 2014 Winter Olympic and Paralympic Games due to take place in Sochi (Russia) from 7 to 23 February 2014 and 7 to 16 March 2014, respectively.

According to these regulations, a **special simplified customs procedure** would apply to foreign goods intended for the Games, including the holding of test events.

It would seem that the majority of participants will be using the special procedure in view of its advantages (simplified customs declaration; rent; possibility to transfer the goods without charge or compensation; etc.). However, it is important to note that, under this special procedure, the importation of goods will have to be performed by specific authorized importers, which is not the case with ATA Carnets.

Moreover, the special Customs procedure will not affect the provisions of the Istanbul Convention and will not prevent the use of **ATA Carnets**. In this respect, Russia is currently completing the internal procedure for the application of Annex B.6 of the Istanbul Convention concerning travelers' personal effects and goods imported for sports purposes.

If neither the Special customs procedure nor ATA Carnets are suitable for the intended purpose, exporters could also release their goods for free circulation and pay the full customs import duties and taxes. Alternatively, if imported goods stay in Russia no longer than two years, the **national temporary admission customs procedure** could be a solution.

The **Sochi 2014 Organizing Committee** has appointed **Kuehne** and **Nagel** as its designated official customs broker and freight forwarder for the Games.

Should you need to provide advice on customs and freight-related matters for the Games, you may contact the following persons:

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For more detailed information concerning the import/export of goods to and from Russia, for use in connection with the Sochi 2014 Olympic and Paralympic Games, please consult the **Sochi 2014 Customs and Freight Forwarding Guide** or the official Sochi 2014 Olympic and Paralympic Games Website: <http://www.sochi2014.com/en/games/legal/folder/>.

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