

ATA Carnet:

# Customs Document Works Wonders

There is a document many exporters, professionals, performing groups and sports teams consider almost as essential as a passport when travelling abroad.

It is an ATA Carnet (pronounced carnay), an official international Customs document that simplifies taking temporary imports, such as professional equipment and commercial samples, in and out of foreign countries. The document is recognized by Customs officials in 45 countries, including nearly all of Canada's major trading partners.

In this country, Carnets are issued exclusively by The Canadian Chamber of Commerce, through Carnet Canada offices in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Vancouver.

Administration of the worldwide Carnet system is through a headquarters in Paris, France.

Carrying a Carnet prevents Customs delays and red tape when entering and leaving foreign countries with goods or equipment that will eventually return to Canada. The goods can be accompanied or unaccompanied.

All Customs arrangements, including the necessary security deposit or bond, are quickly and easily made in advance before leaving Canada. The Carnet is then good for one year. This not only saves time and trouble for the people travelling with the temporary imports, it simplifies accounting and administration.

This helpful service has been of-

fered by the Canadian Chamber for nearly 20 years. Today, a growing and varied number of Canadian business, media, arts and sports organizations are discovering the benefits.

Carnets cover items as diverse as high-tech equipment, fashion samples, trade show exhibits, orchestra instruments, racehorses, TV and motion picture cameras, theatrical costumes and stage sets.

More information on ATA Carnets can be obtained by contacting Bill Browne, Director of Trade Services at The Canadian Chamber of Commerce, 1080 Beaver Hall Hill, Suite 1430, Montreal, Quebec H2Z 1T2. Tel.: (514) 866-4334. Fax: (514) 866-7296.

## DIPLOMATIC APPOINTMENTS

*External Affairs Minister Barbara McDougall announced in January the following diplomatic appointments:*

**General A. John G.D. de Chastelain**, born in Bucharest, Romania, as Ambassador to the United States of America.

General de Chastelain was appointed Chief of the Defense Staff in 1989.

He replaces Derek H. Burney.

**Donald W. Campbell**, from Drayton, Ontario, as Ambassador to Japan.

Since 1989, Mr. Campbell has been Deputy Minister for International Trade, and Associate Under-Secretary of State for External Affairs.

He replaces James H. Taylor.

**Paul D. Frazer**, from Niagara

Falls, Ontario, as Ambassador to the Czech Republic and the Slovak Republic.

In Ottawa, he recently served as Executive Director of the Task Force on Central and Eastern Europe.

Mr. Frazer replaces Alan P. McLaine.

**Marc Lortie**, from Beauport, Quebec, as Ambassador to the Republic of Chile.

From 1989 to the present, he has been Minister-Counsellor (Political Affairs) at the Canadian Embassy in Paris and the Prime Minister's Personal Representative for La Francophonie. Mr. Lortie replaces Michael T. Mace.

**Peter F. Walker**, from Winnipeg, Manitoba, as Ambassador to the Republic of Austria with concurrent accreditation as Permanent

Representative to the United Nations in Vienna, to the International Atomic Energy Agency and to the United Nations Industrial Development Organization in Vienna.

From 1988 to 1992, he was Assistant Deputy Minister, Personnel Branch.

He replaces Edward G. Lee.

**Isabelle Massip**, from Montreal, Quebec, as Ambassador to the Republic of Finland.

Since 1989, Ms. Massip has served as Minister-Counsellor in Tokyo. She replaces Mary E. Vandenhoff.

**Bernard A. Gagosz**, from Val d'Or, Quebec, as Consul General in Seattle.

From 1989 to 1992, he served as High Commissioner in Singapore. Mr. Gagosz replaces Roger A. Bull.