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## ATA Carnet – Complete Guide for the Rallye du Chablais

This guide is intended for foreign crews and for Swiss participants renting a vehicle or equipment abroad. The Rallye du Chablais takes place at the end of May. Since Switzerland is not part of the European Union, certain formalities are required to cross the border with a vehicle and racing equipment.

This updated document provides all the essential information, organized in a clear and practical way.

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## Why are documents required to enter Switzerland?

Free movement of goods does not apply between Switzerland and the EU. Goods must therefore be declared at the border.

- **Participants from and residing in the EU:** no visa required, ID card or passport is sufficient.
  - **Participants not originally from the EU but residing in the EU:** valid passport + residence permit.
  - **Participants from outside the EU:** check whether a visa is required (e.g., United Kingdom: valid passport only).
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## What documents must be presented at the border?

### If you rent a competition vehicle abroad (domiciled in Switzerland):

- Entry via a staffed customs office.
- Payment of Swiss VAT (8.1%) on the rental contract amount.
- Presentation of the contract → document No. 15.25 for temporary importation.
- Equipment declared in an ATA Carnet.

### If you are a foreign crew with your own equipment:

- Equipment declared in an ATA Carnet.
  - Presentation at entry and exit at a staffed customs office.
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## What is an ATA Carnet?

An international customs document that allows temporary importation of goods without paying VAT, provided they are re-exported after the event.

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## How to obtain an ATA Carnet?

Applications are made through the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of your country.  
The cost varies depending on the country (generally a few hundred euros).

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## Risks if crossing without an ATA Carnet

- Immediate payment of Swiss VAT (8.1%) on the value of the goods.
  - High security deposit.
  - Risk of fines.
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## How to fill out an ATA Carnet?

- Declare the main parts: tires, rims, gearbox, drive shafts, oils, etc.
  - For small tools: specify “1 toolbox” + value.
  - Attach photos of the equipment at entry and exit as proof.
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## Authorized customs posts for ATA Carnet

### Origin – 24/7 posts

- **France:** Bardonnex (Geneva), Boncourt (Jura)
  - **Germany:** Basel/Weil am Rhein-Autobahn, Au (St. Gallen), Thayngen (Schaffhausen)
  - **Italy:** Chiasso (Brogeda, Ticino)
  - **Others:** Vallorbe (Vaud), Great St. Bernard, Gondo (restricted hours)
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## Useful contacts for obtaining an ATA Carnet

Each country has its own Chamber of Commerce and Industry authorized to issue an ATA Carnet. Examples:

- **Croatia:** Hrvatska Gospodarska Komora – [ata@hgk.hr](mailto:ata@hgk.hr)