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RULES OF IMPORTING FOREIGN MASS MEDIA PROFESSIONAL EQUIPMENT

To the attention of the press, radio and television representatives.

As a rule, media representatives use professional equipment for radio and television broadcasting, preparing reports as well as recording and transmitting the information for certain programmes.

The Russian Federation is a member-state of the Eurasian Economic Union which includes the Republic of Armenia, the Republic of Belarus, the Republic of Kazakhstan and the Russian Federation. The territory of the above mentioned states forms a customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union.

Temporary import and declaration of the professional media equipment is carried out in accordance with the customs legislation of the Eurasian Economic Union or international contracts of the Russian Federation. Goods to be used by mass media are processed by the customs authorities as a matter of priority.

Please familiarise yourselves with the specifics of the temporary import of the mass media equipment to the territory of the Russian Federation.

❖ Import of professional mass media equipment, officially accredited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia

The Russian Federation is a party of the Temporary Import Convention, concluded on June 26, 1990 in Istanbul that enables the import of the professional mass media equipment without submission of any customs documents.

In this case it is sufficient to submit the List of imported equipment and the written Obligation of its reverse export to the Customs Authorities. The documents are submitted in a free form. The estimated date of reverse export of the equipment is indicated in the Obligation and should not exceed 12 months. It is also necessary to confirm in the document that equipment will be used by a person, departing to the territory of temporary import or will be under their control.

If the Obligation contains the list of temporarily imported equipment, the submission of a separate equipment list is not needed. A model, brand, identification number of each article must be indicated in the List, if present.

This procedure is available only for the mass media who are officially accredited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia. The list of accredited foreign mass media can be found at the official website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia

(<http://www.mid.ru>) in “Current activities of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia” section, “Information for journalists” subsection, “The List of chief correspondents and heads of the Moscow offices of the foreign mass media accredited by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Russia”.

❖ Import of professional mass media equipment under the conditions of ATA Carnet

Professional media equipment import can be also carried out under the conditions of the ATA Carnet, an international customs document which replaces the customs declaration. It simplifies the customs formalities and makes the process less time consuming. The use of the ATA Carnet is regulated by the Customs Convention on the ATA Carnet for the Temporary Admission of Goods signed on December 6, 1961.

Using ATA Carnet allows you to avoid the need of customs payments, presenting various pledges, deposits, bank guarantees as well as paying customs operations fees, etc. To obtain the document, it is necessary to submit an application to the national chamber of commerce of your country.

Please note that the ATA Carnet must be submitted to the customs authorities while crossing the customs border. In Kazan crossing the customs border is only possible in one single case:

- if the equipment arrives (departs) by the flight of direct international airlines.

In all other cases the place of crossing the border is either land border area, or international airport where the equipment arrives by international airlines flight (for instance, international Moscow transit airports). The ATA Carnet should be submitted to the customs authorities exactly in these customs entry points.

If you prefer, the equipment may be processed straight in these points or undergo the customs procedure of the customs transit. In the event customs transit is selected, the equipment must be delivered to the customs terminals of Kazan (customs terminals addresses are given in the Guidelines for shipment of goods subject to customs clearance available at the Organising Committee official website).

The reverse export of your professional equipment follows the same order. The ATA Carnet must be necessarily removed from the register in the Russian customs authorities. While departing from Kazan by the international airline flight the ATA Carnet is removed from the register in the Kazan airport customs authority. In all other cases the ATA Carnet is removed from the register in the customs authorities where the cargo either departs from the Russian territory by the international airline flight or actually crosses the customs border.

It frequently occurs that while crossing the border, the cargo is transported under the conditions of the ATA Carnet, but an accompanying person does not bear the letter of attorney to present the organisation in the customs authorities. In this view, you are

once again reminded that it is necessary to obtain the letter of attorney to present the holder of the ATA Carnet in the customs authorities.

❖ Import of professional mass media equipment in accompanied luggage of individuals

Foreign reporters can import the equipment needed for producing and broadcasting one or several reports (within one exit) as part of their accompanied luggage. In this case customs declaration may be carried out in a simplified order by means of the passenger customs declaration. It may be in advance filled out (the sample passenger customs declaration can be found in the Guidelines on passing customs control by foreign individuals).

The reverse export of your professional equipment follows the same order. Please keep the documents you used while importing your equipment throughout the whole stay on the territory of the Russia.

Please note that the passenger customs declaration (in the same way as the ATA Carnet) is submitted to the customs authorities while going through the customs control. Customs control of the passengers, arriving and departing by air transport, is fulfilled only at the international flights. Customs control is not carried out at the domestic flights.

❖ Import of professional mass media equipment in accordance with the customs legislation of the Eurasian Economic Union

In the event the mass media professional equipment will be delivered to Kazan separately from the individual (by means of cargo transportations), you are recommended to use the benefits set forth by the customs legislation of the Eurasian Economic Union.

Thus, the participants of the international sport events (including the mass media representatives) have the right to undergo special customs procedure for the goods that will be used during the organisation and holding of the event.

At the use of a special customs procedure, foreign goods may be imported without paying customs duties and presenting payment provision of customs operations fees. Price and weight restrictions are not applied to these items. Simplified conditions of customs declaration is applied to the items under special customs procedure. Commercial, transport and other accompanying documents as well as complete checklist (list) of the items containing main data from the accompanying documents may be used as customs declaration. The list form is approved by the legislation of the Eurasian Economic Union. A special customs procedure is applied upon condition of presenting confirming documents that are processed by the Organising Committee (more detailed

information on conditions of applying a special customs procedure is available in the Guidelines for shipment of goods subject to customs clearance).

In case you consider this way of importing the equipment more preferable, we recommend you that, while concluding shipping contracts with logistics companies, you indicate Kazan customs terminals as the point of delivery. There are customs terminals in Kazan to process customs cargos delivered by various transport means.

The services at the customs terminals and the ones of customs declaration experts in Kazan are provided free of charge to all the participants of the World Championships. All essential consultations about applying customs procedures will be immediately provided to the people concerned.

With regard to the mass media professional equipment, general rules on cargo transportations are applied and set forward in the Guidelines for shipment of goods subject to customs clearance (you may familiarise yourselves with it at the Organising Committee official website http://ru.kazan2015.com/en/customs_procedures

Please forward your enquiries in a free form to the Organising committee e-mail address customs@kazan2015.com