

FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION

- *Importation of Firearms and ammunition by temporary visitors (hunting weapons)*
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Visitors bringing firearms into South Africa for hunting purposes, will be asked to fill in a SAP 520 - Temporary Import Application which is available from your outfitter, or which can be downloaded off the SAPS Website at www.saps.gov.za or which can be filled out on arrival. We would suggest filling in the form beforehand to save the processing time at the Police Office.

Requirements along with the SAP 520 are the following:

- Passport
- Return Airline Ticket
- Firearm license
- Documentary proof of export from the country of origin
- A letter from the client stating that he is temporarily importing the referred to firearm(s) for the purpose of hunting, to include that the firearm(s) are required as he will be hunting (list to species to be hunted)
- Invitation Letter from the Hunting Outfitter

Firearms will be physically inspected to ensure the serial number(s) match those of the licenses (proof of ownership) and the application form. Ammunition will also be inspected.

For visitors clearing customs at the **Johannesburg International Airport**, please take note of the following procedure to be followed on arrival:

1. Clear passport control in the Terminal where your flight arrives (generally SAA and its co-partners at Terminal 2 and all other airlines at Terminal 1)
2. Proceed to baggage claim at the respective carousel. Pick up general baggage, then proceed to the respective Airline Help Desk to pick up firearm(s) from the airline company and sign a receipt for the firearm(s). Ask the Airline Help Desk to direct you to the South African Police Firearm Office. Depending on the terminal where you may need to escort you to the Office.
3. Proceed to the South African Police Firearm Office (Do not at this point proceed to customs).
4. On receipt of the temporary import permit at the SAPS Firearm Office, proceed to Customs, the Red Zone, where you declare the firearm(s) and finish other custom clearance procedures.

For those visitors clearing customs at any of the **other international points of entry**, please take note of the relevant information made above which relates to documentation requirements, etc.

Please insure sufficient time is allowed to go through the temporary importation process and to clear customs. During the busy periods of the hunting season up to seventy clients may be needing permits at the same time. We would therefore recommend at least five (5) hours be set aside for this procedure and between connecting flights.

Prohibited firearms which may **NOT** be imported into South Africa include:

- a. Any fully automatic weapon
- b. Any semi-automatic weapon
- c. Handgun(s) for self-defence
- d. Weapons which fall under military categories

Any additional information regarding import permits, etc. can be obtained directly from the South African Police Service at Johannesburg International Airport. The contact details are as follows

Tel: + 27 11 977 55 17 (Firearms Department)

Fax: + 27 11 570 9306

E-mail: jhb-air@saps.org.za

Website : www.saps.org.za

- ***Importation of Firearms and ammunition by residents permanent or temporary***

In respect of a returning resident or a person who enters the Republic for purposes of permanent residence or to remain temporarily therein, the importation will be subject to production of an import permit and firearm licence. Only after these two procedures are completed, may the firearm be exported to South Africa. The import permit from the SA Police can be obtained with : The Central of Firearms Register, Head : Arms Control, Statutory Administration, Private Bag X 811, Pretoria 0001. Tel: +27 (0)12 353 60 47, Fax: +27 (0)12 353 60 41, E-mail: cfr.imports@saps.org.za,

The import permit from the Department of Trade & Industry is obtainable with: Director Of Import & Export Control, Dept. of Trade and Industry, Private Bag X192, Pretoria 0001. Tel: +27(0)12 310 99 10/97.91. Fax: +27(0)12 322 01 47/02.98.

FOR NEW RESIDENTS (never lived in SA before)

- ◆ household/personal effects concession (free of import duty and tax)

OTHERS (already living in SA)

- ◆ average ± 15% customs duty + 14% VAT

NOTE : SA citizens/residents who exported firearms from SA may import them without the payment of custom duty and tax providing they submit documentary proof of export