

## **Steps involved when temporarily importing a rifle into South Africa for hunting purposes**

- Complete the temporary firearm import permit application (SAP520) in advance and bring it with you. It is important to note that the form must be completed in black ink and must remain unsigned until the document is finalized in front of the police official issuing the actual permit at the airport.
- If you do not wish to travel with your own firearms, you are welcome to make use of one of the rifles of the professional hunter accompanying you. They have a selection of appropriate calibers available. The cost will be 30usd per day and the replacement cost of ammunition.
- Notarized copy of Applicants' passport – page on which the photo and passport details are reflected. (Certified as a true copy)
- Copy of airline ticket
- Letter of invitation from your hunting outfitter, filled in with black ink and keep it with you at all times while traveling
- Completed SAP 520 Form (Not signed - must be signed in front of the official)
- Notarized copy of Proof of ownership of firearm, eg. legal licence, permit, certificate, confirming lawful possession of the firearm: (Certified as a true copy) – No sales receipts will be accepted (CBP Form 4457- Certificate of Registration for personal effects taken abroad) (contact your nearest airport for this – Form must have a current expiry date at top right hand side and needs to be stamped in current year
- Letter of motivation (A letter written by yourself to motivate why you wish to import rifles)

**The following firearms and ammunition will not be allowed to enter South Africa:**

- Any automatic or semi-automatic firearms
- Maximum of four (4) firearms or shotguns per applicant.
- More than one of the same firearm caliber or gauge per person
- More than 200 rounds of ammunition per person per firearm
- No ammunition for other firearms (not accompanying you) is permitted
- Any pistol or revolver (unless specified for hunting)
- Firearms must bear the manufacturer's serial number or any other mark by which the firearm can be identified. The identification number must be stamped and the mark affixed in the prescribed manner on the barrel, the frame or the receiver of the firearm

**Carriage of ammunition:**

- Ammo to be packed in a separate locked container
- We strongly recommend that ammunition be packed in a lockable case which can be checked in with the firearm(s) to avoid possible delays during checked baggage screening.
- Ammunition should not be packed in checked baggage or in the gun case.
- Guns should be in separate gun cases.

**Your firearm/s may only be signed for by yourself**

- It will not be released to any other person.
- In the event of it arriving on a separate flight, the firearm/s will be held by the SAPS until such time as you claim ownership in person.

**The temporary import permit serves as your firearm license in South Africa.**

- It enables you to buy ammunition in South Africa for the calibers noted on the permit.
- You must have the temporary import permit on your person at all times while you are in possession of your firearms.

**Reasons why your application may not be approved**

- If you have any of the above-mentioned firearms and/or ammunition
- If any of the supporting documents as required cannot be produced
- If you are less than 21 years of age

Your application for a temporary import permit will be refused and your firearms and ammunition will be confiscated and will only be handed back to you when you depart back to your country of residence.

**PLEASE TAKE NOTE** that only the Central Firearm Registrar in Pretoria, South Africa can authorize special applications for the above restrictions. These applications have to be made in advance and must reach them no later than 3 (three) weeks before your arrival. You will need a special motivation letter for this. Please contact [GO2SAFARI CONCIERGE](#) for more information and assistance.

## **WHEN YOU ARRIVE IN SOUTH AFRICA OR TAMBO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT**

- Disembark from aircraft and clear passport control in whichever terminal the flight arrives. (Generally SAA and its co-partners at Terminal 2, and all other airlines at Terminal 1)
- Proceed to baggage claim at the respective carousel. Pick up general baggage. Your firearms will be delivered directly to the SAPS firearms office so go on to your designated Terminal
- Meet Excellent Safaris PH / Representative (as you exit on the right by the pillars)
- Proceed to the South African Police Service Firearm office. You will be assisted by our PH / Representative.
- On arrival at the SAPS Firearm Office, collect your issued temporary import permit at the designated desk or have the necessary documentation available for inspection.
- Your firearms and ammunition will be physically inspected to ensure that the serial numbers match those of the licenses and the application forms.
- You will then be asked to wait while your application is being processed - if you are not already in possession of a [Pre-approved / issued temporary importation permit](#).
- When your application has been processed and your permit has been issued, you will have to sign for the permit. If you are connecting to other flights, please make sure that you allow ample time for this process (at least 3 hours).

**REMEMBER THE ISSUING OF THE TEMPORARY IMPORT PERMITS AT THE PORT OF ENTRY IS FREE OF CHARGE. DO NOT TIP OR PAY ANY SAPS OFFICER FOR THIS SERVICE. YOU SHOULD KEEP THE PERMIT WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND WHEN THE FIREARMS ARE IN YOUR POSSESSION.**