

## **FIREARMS IMPORT PROCEDURES**

The following documents are needed to apply for your temporary import permit:

1. SAPS 520 form – completed in black ink.  
Complete page 2, section D (put a X in block 5);  
Complete page 2, section E – natural person's details;  
Complete page 4, section G – import/export details; (port of entry is OR Tambo International Airport, Johannesburg)  
Complete page 5, section I – details of firearms and ammunition;  
Complete page 6, section J – signature of applicant.
2. Certified/notarized copy of passport.
3. Certified/notarized copy of airline tickets or itinerary.
4. Certified/notarized copy of proof of export.  
This is proof that your firearms have been legally exported from your country of residence. If your country does not have an official export permit, the SAPS require a letter from a government agency of your country of residence stating this. For USA citizens Customs Form 4457 is acceptable. Contact your nearest airport to obtain this form. It gets issued by the Dept of Homeland Security US Customs and Border Protection before departure.
5. Certified/notarized copy of firearm licences if applicable (some countries don't issue firearm licences eg. the USA).

Please submit your firearms and ammunition in two separate lockable cases, on check in to and from South Africa. Check with your airline if the ammo can be in your checked luggage.

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

- Any automatic or semi-automatic firearms,
- More than one firearm per calibre per person,
- More than 200 rounds of ammunition per person per firearm.

No temporary import permits will be granted to persons under the age of 21 years.

On arrival in Johannesburg at the airport, clear Immigration and collect your luggage. You do not get your firearms here but have to sign for them with the SAPS. Clear Customs and into the meeting area. Proceed to the SAPS Firearms Office. The application will be processed and the temporary import permit issued. Your firearms and ammunition will be inspected and the serial numbers checked against the details of the issued import permit. Then you are free to leave with your rifles and enjoy your safari.