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TEMPORARY PRE-ISSUED IMPORT/EXPORT FIREARM PERMITS!

To apply for a pre-issued permit you need the following documents:

- COPY OF PASSPORT - (Certified / Notarized) Only if its possible
- COPY OF INVITATION LETTER (Letter from Safari Company)
- COPY OF RETURN TICKET (Itinerary/Flight ticket)
- PROOF OF OWNERSHIP FOR FIREARM - License (States / US Customs Form 4457 or Europe Firearm License) - Certified - Please check for the us custom stamp
- SAPS 520 - (Black Ink / Dates must be - year - month - day)
- Letter of permission if pre issue permit is done

The next pages of the SAPS 520 form needs to be filled out:

- PAGE 2 - D; E; 1-25.4 (D - 1 UP TO 25.4)
- PAGE 4 - G; 1-9.2 (G - 1 UP TO 9.2) Year - Month - Day
- PAGE 5 - I; 1-2
- PAGE 6 - I; 4-4.4 - J; 1-4 (Signature must be on both I; 4.3 - J; 3 - PLACE : Indicates your Location when filling out the form. Example: Dallas, Texas or London, UK)

NB: AMMUNITION MUST BE IN SEPARATE SECURE LOCKABLE AMMO CASE!

Please note: If your documents are not in order the SAPS will refuse to issue a permit and will lock up your firearms till the day of departure. Please make sure you have all the documents in order as well as the serial no's. And for safety, always bring originals and copies with.

Bolt: Please remove bolt from rifle in case of a bolt action. It can travel in your gun case with rifle but just out of firearm.

New SAPS regulations:

Firearms have to be in lockable firearm case and Ammunition needs to be in a separate lockable Ammo case. No ammunition allowed in baggage only certain airlines allow it. Ammunition case can't be more than 5 Kg / 11 Pounds. No liquids, cameras or wiring is allowed in firearm case.

NO AMMUNITION ALLOWED IN LUGGAGE IN SOUTH AFRICA ONLY IN A SEPARATE LOCKABLE AMMO CASE

Arriving in South Africa:

- Go through passport control
- Go to SAPS security office opposite carousel 7 & 8 to identify and sign for the release of your rifle when you fly with SAA.
- Collect your normal luggage at the appropriate conveyer belt.
- Proceed on the GREEN line through customs.
- Your firearm(s) and ammo will be checked against your pre-issued temporary import permit after which you will be free to leave.
- Please note that the procedure regarding your firearm at customs depends on the airline used. The speed in which your permit will be handled, depends upon the speed in which the rifle case is handled before arriving at the SA Police Office. Please be patient when waiting for your rifle case.
- We recommend that there is at least 3 hours between landing and your connecting flight.

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

Domestic and Africa

Attention all: It is very important to make sure that the Airline you are using for connection flights does transport firearms. At this stage ONLY SAA, Airlink and SAExpress transport firearms from JHB (Johannesburg) to domestic destinations (Port Elizabeth, Cape Town, Durban, Bloemfontein, Kimberley, Upington, Nelspruit, Hoedspruit, Polokwane etc. and other African Countries.

Amsterdam:

If you traveling via Amsterdam please note you'll need special clearance to transfer firearms through the Airport.

Emirates - Dubai

If you fly with Emirates I will need your documentation at least 6 weeks prior to departure since Emirates requires your Import Permit 10 days prior to your departures.

London:

Firearms must arrive on the same flight as you arriving in London. If not the firearms will be confiscated at the Security / Police.

South Africa Airlines - SAA:

Date of arrival - if you fly with SAA you need to sign for your rifles before clearing customs. Accross carousel 7 and 8 at RAPS Security Office.

Your normal baggage allowance plus free 20kg sporting equipment which includes your rifle and ammunition.

SA Express / SA Airlink

If your connection flight is a SA flight no; just make sure it's not Airlink or an Express flight. If it is, you must remember they will not allow you excess on firearms and baggage. The flight numbers starts with a SA 8... if it is Express and SA 1... if it is Airlink. They have 4 numbers. Express starts with an 8 and Airlink with a 1. So be warned; you need to pay excess if you fly via Airlink or Express. The kg's allowed are as follow - 20 kg per person.

Please double check with airline or travel agent. Their baggage allowances are different from South African Airways.

Extra Payments - Handling fees

Extra payments required if you fly to Upington or Kimberley, please let me know so that I can make arrangements, so that they can accept your rifles.

Upington – Enlightened Security will charge a handling fee of R200 to load your firearm and or ammunition onto the aircraft. No cost for offloading.

Kimberley – Private individual will charge R200 to load and R200 to offload firearms and/or ammunition.

Flight Reservations

When making flight reservations please inform them that you will be travelling with firearms Especially on Domestic Transversers in South Africa since only certain Airlines transport firearms.

Namibia

Restrictions in Namibia:

No more than 2 rifles per person
Only 80 rounds of ammunition per rifle allowed.
No handguns allowed.
No automatic firearms allowed

Arms Embargo placed by EU

Europe and Canada please note.....

The situation is that all airlines flying from a port in the European Union (EU) are blocked from taking any firearms to Zimbabwe. That's because of a firearms embargo implemented by the EU several years ago. So no in transit stay over's. Please contact us.

Underage Applicants

Any person under the age of 21 that wishes to apply for a temporary import permit has to include a motivational letter with the application proving that he/she is a capable hunter. Any additional motivational letters from 3rd parties will help with the application.

WhatsApp

It's an app you can down load on your phone which makes communication very easy especially to send documents. My WhatsApp number is +27 823387043