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TEMPORARY IMPORTATION OF FIREARMS

All hunters temporarily exporting firearms for hunting purposes to South Africa and applying for a temporary import permit at the airport after arrival in South Africa (not a pre-issued permit), will need to have **Proof of Export from their country of origin.**

***Without this proof, the police will not issue the temporary import permit and will confiscate your firearm(s).**

UK Citizens:

PHASA (Professional Hunters' Association of South Africa) has contacted the UK Border Force and obtained the following instructions for hunters not having a pre-issued permit for the RSA:

- Email the UKBF Armoury Control to ukba.firearmslhr@hmrc.gsi.gov.uk at least 2 weeks prior to your departure to RSA: advise them that you will be travelling to South Africa for a game hunting safari. Request them to issue you with a letter/document that you may lawfully temporarily export your firearms and ammunition to South Africa.
- Scan and email copies of the following with the request:
 - Passport
 - Firearms licence – indicate exactly which rifles/shotguns you will take and the amount of ammunition you will be taking
 - Return flights and dates

Contact details: +44 (0) 20 8910 3721

US Citizens

Current customs form 4457 is sufficient: Not older than 6 months (Please note the expiry date in top right corner). You are welcome to download the customs form 4457 on the link below:

<https://www.cbp.gov/sites/default/files/assets/documents/2016-Aug/CBP%20Form%204457.pdf>

Other countries not issuing temporary export permits: **Official affidavit or declaration from their police or customs** authorizing them to temporarily exporting the specific firearms for hunting purposes to South Africa.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS ON THE SAP520

The Temporary firearm import permit application (SAPS 520) must be completed when traveling to South Africa with your firearms for hunting purposes. It should be **completed in black ink** and must remain unsigned until the document is finalised in front of the South African police official issuing the actual permit at the airport. Lindilè Safaris has made it easy for you to understand how to fill out the SAPS 520. Please follow the instructions below.

You are welcome to download the SAPS 520 form (PDF format) on the link below:

<http://www.saps.gov.za/services/flash/firearms/forms/english/e520.pdf>

If you may struggle to download the form you can send us an email and we will send you the form.

DOCUMENTATION:

- A. ONLY the following sections need to be completed on the SAP520 (use black ink)

Page 2: Section D: Type of permit

Tick - temporary import or export permit

Page 2: Section E: Particulars of Applicant

Complete E 2.1 to E 2.4 (Natural person's details)

Section 25 if you are married

They will need these particulars (spouse/partner/contact) in case of an emergency.

Page 4: Section G: Import and/or Export Details

Complete section G1 to G5 and G8 to G9.2

IMPORTANT: The date format is YYYY-MM-DD

Page 5: Section I: Details of Firearms etc.

Complete Section I 1.1 to 2.2

Page 6: Section J:

Signature of Applicant

- B. **Notarized copy of Applicants' passport** – page on which the photo and passport details are reflected. (Certified as a true copy)
- C. **Notarized copy of Proof of ownership** of firearm, eg. Legal licence, permit, certificate, authorization or any other documentary proof confirming lawful possession of the firearm: (Certified as true copy)
Examples of documentation to proof ownership:
- USA: Custom Form 4457 (contact your nearest airport for this)
 - UK, etc.: Copy of your firearm License or Certificate
 - Europe: Firearms Possession Licence (Waffenbesitzkarte)
 - European Firearms Pass (Europaeischer Feuerwaffenpass)
 - Other: A letter from your local sheriff in the form of an affidavit confirming ownership or Invoice from a gun shop where you have purchased the firearm.
- D. **Copy of flight itinerary** from airline or travel agent.
- E. **Copy of Invitation letter** from your Hunting Outfitter
Lindilè Safaris & Tours will send you an invitation letter upon the acceptance of a hunt with us.

BASIC REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR THE ISSUING OF A TEMPORARY IMPORT PERMIT

- Maximum of four (4) firearms or shotguns per applicant.
- Not more than one of the same calibre of gauge.
- Only 200 rounds for each permitted firearm or shotgun will be allowed.
- No ammunition for other firearms (not accompanying you) is permitted.
- 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.

SPECIAL APPLICATIONS

- A. **Handguns** are allowed into the country for hunting purposes only and therefore you need to submit the following additional documentation:
- A letter of invitation from the outfitter stating the handgun will be used for hunting purposes only;
 - A motive letter from you stating that you will be using the handgun for hunting purposes only and any other relevant motivation.
- B. **Semi-automatic shotguns:**
- A Letter of motivation from you must be submitted, stating the reason/s for bringing it into the country.
- C. **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 third parties will help with the application.

FIREARMS THAT MAY NOT BE IMPORTED TO SOUTH AFRICA

- Any fully automatic firearms
- Any semi-automatic firearms
- Handgun(s) for self-defence
- Weapons which can be classified as military firearms

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED

1. A letter of motivation by yourself stating the following:
 - You are temporarily importing the firearms (list serial numbers and calibres) for the sole purpose of hunting in South Africa.
 - List the species of animals that you are intending on hunting and also the province (state) you will be hunting.
 - Your intended date of departure.

*Please bear in mind that all firearms will be physically inspected by a police official upon entry into South Africa, and again on departure. Make firearms and ammunition easy accessible for police to clear.

Make copies of all the documents and have them put away in your hand luggage together with your plane ticket and passport on arrival.

Please contact our office at Lindilè safaris & Tours if you have any questions, we will gladly assist.
