

SOUTH AFRICAN FIREARMS CONTROL, ACT 2000

Hunters visiting South Africa or just spending the night in Johannesburg, South Africa, requires either a Temporary Import or In Transit Permit.

The following must be adhered to:

1. A maximum of 4 firearms per hunter, but not more than 1 of the same calibre.
2. Ammunition must match the firearm/s.
3. Permits will not be issued to persons under the age of 21.
4. The barrel, frame and action must bear the same serial number.
5. Semi-Automatic Shotguns or Custom made Handguns are allowed for hunting purposes only.
6. No self-protection firearms are allowed.
7. Spending one night in South Africa, while in transit to a third country, requires an In-Transit Permit – no fee is charged. Spending longer, requires a Temporary Import Permit.

PERMIT APPLICATION

Prior to a client's departure from their home country, assistance to obtain the necessary firearm import permits can be provided by, AfricaSky or Air 2000 / Hunters Support.

The permits will be ready & waiting at the airport on your arrival.

The client must provide:

1. Certified true copy of the photo & signature page of your passport – stamped & signed by a Notary.
2. Certified true copy of proof of ownership as indicated by a US Customs form 4457 / Firearm License – stamped & signed by a Notary.
3. Completed SAPS 520 form (attached) - in black ink.
4. A relevant letter from your Outfitter. (For this, we need a copy of your 4457 as well as an exact copy of your flight itinerary.)
5. If you intend to use a third party such as AfricaSky or Air 2000/Hunters Support, to apply for your permit on your behalf, then you must sign in black ink, the Hunters Support Form (attached), or write a letter giving AfricaSky permission to do so on your behalf (draft letter attached).
6. If you wish to apply for a Semi-Automatic Shotgun or Handgun permit - you must supply a letter of motivation stating the reason for wanting to hunt in South Africa with these firearms. It must be an original request with a good reason otherwise consideration will not be granted.
7. If the handgun is custom made and is not on the Central Firearms computer, you will be requested to obtain from the manufacturer, a letter stating that the firearm is manufactured for hunting purposes only. Central Firearms can also request additional information/specifications/pictures of the firearm. Your application can be delayed, so please see to your applications timeously.
8. IMPORTANT: ALL FORMS & LETTERS MUST REACH US 35 DAYS PRIOR TO YOUR ARRIVAL IN SOUTH AFRICA.

TRANSPORTATION OF FIREARMS & AMMUNITION

1. All sporting weapons must be packed and transported in an IATA approved lockable hard firearm case
2. All firearms must be declared at the time of check in and must be handled via the designated firearm handling process
3. It is advisable to mention in the 'Remarks Section' of the booking that the passenger is carrying sporting weapons and ammunition
4. No more than two rifles per case per passenger - keeping in mind the firearms must be of a different calibre
5. Ammunition must be packed in a lockable box with a key or box with TSA approved combination lock and placed in the checked luggage
6. A maximum of 5 kg's (11lbs) of ammunition is allowed per firearm carrying passenger.

HOW TO COMPLETE THE SAPS 520

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Check the 'Passport' block then fill in your passport number at number 4.

('SA ID' is for South African's only)

The rest of **Section E** is self explanatory, if you are married; complete your spouse's details as well.

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Not applicable to a Temporary import - don't complete anything on this page.

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1. **Country of Origin:** (example) USA
2. **Country of Destination:** (example) Mozambique
3. **Port of Entry:** (example) OR Tambo Airport, Johannesburg, South Africa.
4. **Port of Exit:** (example) OR Tambo Airport, Johannesburg, South Africa.
5. **Reason for Permit:** Sport – Hunting (Game Hunting, is not accepted by airlines for free travel of firearms).
6. **Date on which permit will take place:** this not applicable to a temporary import
7. Not applicable to a temporary import
- 8.1. Exact date of arrival in South Africa.
- 8.2. Exact date of departure from South Africa to fly back home.

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Your firearm & ammunition details.

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- 4.1: Your full name
- 4.2: Date of completion of the SAPS 520
- 4.3: Your signature
- 4.4: Town/city where you are currently completing the SAPS 520.

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Basically a repeat of **Section I**, Number 4.

CONFIRMATION OF DOCUMENTS

Please confirm you have the following documents together before sending them

NB TO REACH US 35 DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL IN SOUTH AFRICA

1. Hunters Support Form (for Air 2000 / Hunters Support) Permission Letter for AfricaSky
2. SAPS 520 form completed in black ink
3. Notarised copy of your passport (photo and signature page only) (Please make sure you have a minimum of two free pages in your passport and a validity of four months after returning home)
4. Notarised copy of your proof of ownership (US Customs form 4457 or License)
5. Credit card authorisation form (for Air 2000/Hunters Support)
6. Copy of your flight schedule / itinerary
7. Copy of your letter of invitation from your outfitter if available.

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If you are using AfricaSky, please send these documents by courier (Fedex, UPS, DHL,TNT) to:

182 Outiniqua Ave, Pomona, Kempton Park, 1619, Johannesburg, South Africa
Or scan & email them to Leoni on: africasky@mweb.co.za

If you are using Air 2000/Hunters Support, please send these documents by courier (Fedex, UPS, DHL,TNT) to:

Hunters Support Service cc (Air 2000), 1st Floor Terminal Building, Lanseria International Airport Johannesburg, 1748, South Africa

TRAVEL TIPS (When Travelling with Sporting Weapons)

TIP 1 When commuting through New York, Washington and Atlanta please make sure you have a minimum of 2hrs between flights. Recent research shows that 83% of firearms did not make it to South Africa on the same flight as the owner, if the in-transit period was less than 2hrs.

TIP 2 After arriving in SA and need to take a connecting flight, give yourself a minimum of 3hrs between arrival and departure to your next destination.

TIP 3 Confirm you put your firearm in an approved airline firearm case. Do not pack your firearm in your checked luggage in an ordinary suitcase.

TIP 4 Ammunition must be packed in a lockable box with key and placed in the checked luggage.

TIP 5 Please mark your firearm case clearly with your name, address and contact number.

TIP 6 Make sure you have the US customs forms 4457 or your license (depending on where you come from) when you leave home.

PASSPORTS & VALIDITY

Please make sure your passport has a minimum of 2 full free pages available before coming to South Africa and a validity of six months after returning from your safari. Many passengers are not adhering to this requirement and finding themselves with a problem when they arrive in South Africa.

SUGGESTIONS FOR HUNTERS COMING THROUGH LONDON & AMSTERDAM

London: If you are spending more than a day in London or travelling from Gatwick to Heathrow you must obtain the services of a Firearm Courier. Without the services of a Courier your firearms can go astray.

We can suggest:

Bunduki Travel and Firearms Courier Service

Email: Wharton@bunduki.co.uk

Tel: 44 (0)1293 871 453 Fax: 44 (0) 1293 781 379 Mobile: 44 783 678 9464

Bunduki require the following information when applying for arrival and departure assistance:

- Name and address.
 - Make, calibre, serial number of all firearms plus the value of each firearm.
 - The same for the ammunition (calibre and value).
- The airline must be informed that you are travelling with firearms when making your reservation.

The restrictions are in force from Heathrow airport as follows:

*One carry-on bag no bigger than 56cm x 45x25cm.

***Baggage restrictions**

First and Business class passengers of 3 bags of 23 kg's each

Coach class of 2 bags of 23 kg's each.

***Excess bags charged** at 120 UK pounds for long-haul.

*No oversized bags allowed.

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Amsterdam:- If you are travelling through Amsterdam with either KLM or North West Airlines you are required to obtain permission in advance to transit through the city with firearms, from the Douane Noord office in Groningen.

• Application form • Sample of the Returned Consent Form

Contact numbers:

Tel: 31 50 523 2600 Fax: 31 50 523 2183

Don't forget to apply for permission for your flight over and the flight home.

Send the form as attached above, a copy of your passport and the US Customs form 4457 by fax to the above number.

The consent form will be faxed back to you after a few days so don't forget to give them a return fax number too. We have had many hunters that have not applied and waited for 6 - 10 months for their firearms to be returned to them after their safari.

Please take time to read the Firearms Control Act, 2000 as you will be asked if you are aware of the legal requirements pertaining to the safe handling, storage, transportation and use of firearms in terms of this act and sign your name accordingly.

If you have any questions about the importation of your firearms just send us an e-mail and we will gladly help in any way possible.

IF YOU ARE FLYING DELTA

Travelling coach Class:- You are only allowed **two checked in bags of 23 kg's (50 lbs) each**. One of these bags must be your firearm/s. Two rifles in a steel case come are just under this weight. You are also allowed **one hand piece of 7 kg's** and **one personal piece** like a handbag, computer bag or camera bag.

Travelling Business Class:- You can have **three pieces of 23 kg's (50 lbs) each** and **two personal pieces** as specified above. Any bags weighing above these specifications will be charged for overweight at the following costs: 23 – 34 kg's (50 – 75 lbs) = **US \$ 25.00** 34 – 45 kg's (75 - 100 lbs) = **US \$ 50.00** and so it goes up. **GOING HOME**

When you check in for your return journey from one of the outlying airports like East London or Port Elizabeth you can check your luggage all the way home but you must collect your firearms at the domestic firearms collection point at the departing airport (Johannesburg/Cape Town) and go through the check in procedures and security.

Domestic Flights

If you are booking your own domestic flights please make sure the airlines know you are carrying firearms. If you don't let them know ahead of time, you will not be allowed to check them in on the flight.

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