



Postal Address: P.O. Box 35518, Faunasig, Bloemfontein, 9325, South Africa
Phone: +27 (0)51-445-2154 | Fax: +27 (0)51-445-2154 | Mobile: +27 (0)844-600-600
www.undertheafricanskysafaris.com | info@undertheafricanskysafaris.com

Dedicated to Delight our Customers

We would like to provide the following information and recommendations to visiting hunters to facilitate the importing and exporting of Firearms through O R TAMBO International Airport.

There are two (2) different options available for obtaining the Temporary Importation Permits:

1. Yourself as client and foreign hunter or
2. Through [Hunterssupport](#). in Johannesburg in South Africa (0)27-(0)11-659-2649).

1. Should you wish to make the application yourself:

Complete the temporary firearm import permit application (**SAP520**) in advance if possible and bring it with you. The SAP520 can be completed on arrival at the SAPS Firearm Office. NB! 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. You can download a copy of the SAP520 on the UTASS website.

a. SAP520 form

Fill in the following sections in black ink only:

- Complete page 2 – E 2.1 to E 25.4 – Natural person's details
- Complete page 4 – G 1 to G 5 & G 8 to G 9.2 – Import/Export details
- Complete page 5 – I 1.1 to I 5 – Details of firearms & ammo
- Complete page 6 – J – Signature of applicant

Please note: The date format is: year/month/day

Page 6: Date – when signing the form. Place - where signing

b. Essential documentation

1. Notarized copy of **passport** (photo & passport details).
2. Notarized copy of Proof of ownership of your firearm(s) in the form of:
 - USA: Custom Form 4457 (contact your nearest airport for this)
 - UK: Copy of your firearm License or Certificate
 - Europe: Firearms Possession Licence (Waffenbesitzkarte), or
 - 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(s)
(Please use whichever is applicable to your country).
3. Copy of itinerary or airline tickets

4. Invitation letter from your Hunting Outfitter (with the following detail):

- Letter to be on Outfitter's official letterhead
- Name of person being invited
- Duration of the hunter's stay
- Registered Outfitter Number
- Registered PH Number
- The physical address(s) and telephone number(s) of the farm(s) where the hunt(s) will take place
- Type of animals being hunted e.g. big game, bird shooting etc.
- The recommended calibers required for hunt(s)
- State that firearms will only be used for hunting purposes on mentioned properties
- Date and signature of Outfitter

c. Basic Regulations and Restrictions for the issuing of a Temporary Import Permits:

- Maximum of four (4) firearms or shotguns, not more than one of the same caliber or 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.

d. Special applications: (Subject to pre-approval only).

- Handguns will be allowed into the country, but only for hunting purposes. You will need:
 1. A letter of invitation from the outfitter stating the handgun will be used for hunting purposes only;
 2. A motivational letter from you stating that you will be using the handgun for hunting purposes and any other relevant motivation.
- For Semi-Automatic shotguns, you must supply a letter of motivation stating the reason for wanting to bring it into the country.
- 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.

e. Important:

- Ensure that your firearms arrive on the same flight as you do. This must be done with the airline company on departure.
- Contact your airline company for their regulations on the number of firearms allowed and packing of ammunition. Certain airlines require the ammo to be packed in a separate locked container.
- Your firearm/s may only be signed for by you and will not be released to your outfitter or professional hunter should it arrive on a separate flight. In this case, 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 and enables you to buy ammunition in South Africa for the calibers noted on the permit.
- At all times while you are in possession of your firearms, you must have the temporary import permit on your person.
- When you are not using your firearm, it must be locked in a safe.



- In-Transit Permits are required for any person spending the night in South Africa while in-transit to a third country. The same pre-requisites apply as to obtain the normal Temporary Import permit.
- Check with your airline company on departure that your luggage and firearm(s) will be checked through to your final destination, when you are connecting to a third country on the same day.
- Should a firearm not be declared on arrival and a temporary import permit not issued, you will face severe penalties and possible arrest if detected.

2. Through Hunterssupport.com

Contact them at www.hunterssupport.com or on (0)27-(0)11-659-2649 .

3. On arrival at the O R TAMBO International Airport:.

- Go through passport control
- Go to the Import/Export Office. Next to it is an area marked: "Firearms and Security Items".
- Go there to identify your rifle case and sign for it, if required.
- Collect your normal luggage at the appropriate conveyer belt.
- Proceed on the GREEN line through customs.
- For passengers arriving in Terminal A1 or A 2, please exit the arrivals hall and turn right. Look out for the SAP office. You will be met inside this office.
- 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.

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.

