



## **FIREARM TEMPORARY IMPORT INTO SOUTH AFRICA**

**[Version 2/2020]**

### **SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT COVID-19 REGULATIONS RELATING TO SPORT SHOOTING**

International competitors are allowed to attend South African Sporting Events, provided:

- The South African Sporting Event Host has been sanctioned by Government to host the event at the specific venue. Impact Xtreme Shooting has obtained the necessary permissions thanks to the SAPPRF. Our event is listed under the approved Free State venues. <http://www.precisionrifleseries.co.za/covid-19/>
- You are not travelling from a country listed as “HIGH RISK” by the South African Government. Persons from “High Risk” countries can only apply for business reasons & sport shooting is prohibited. Here is a list of “High Risk” countries as determined by the SA Government.  
<http://www.dha.gov.za/index.php/list-of-high-risk-covid-19-countries>
- As per Government Notice #1032 1 October 2020 of Disaster Management Act a passenger must provide a negative Polymerase Chain Reaction (PCR) test certificate or a valid COVID-19 negative test certificate obtained not more than 72 hours before the date of arrival, from an accredited laboratory & in line with the WHO.

### **SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE SERVICE (SAPS)**

Official requirements from the South African Police Service can be found here:

<https://www.saps.gov.za/services/flash/firearms/importation.php>

### **USING A FIREARM IMPORT AGENCY**

We recommend the services of the following agents to assist in all Rifle importation services.

HENRY DURRHEIM: [www.riflepermits.com](http://www.riflepermits.com)

Services include:

- Pre-Authorized Import Permits – Documents need to be supplied to the Agency at least 25 days prior to your arrival. You are met at O R Tambo International Airport; your pre-authorized permit is hand delivered to you & you are guided through the South African Police Service (SAPS) permit office procedures.
- Meet & Assist - If you are applying for the permit on arrival, the Agency will meet you & accompany you to the SAPS permit office to assist you apply for the permit. You can also be assisted on your return flight to ensure your transit through the airport is trouble free.
- Firearm Storage – Firearm storage at a safe & secure location, so you can enjoy the rest of your stay in South Africa before or after the ELR Competition.
- VIP Assistance – Assistance from aircraft disembarkation, through immigration & customs, baggage collection, hand delivered pre-authorized firearm import permit & escort to the SAPS Permit Office to collect Firearms.



Whether you use an Agency or not, the following documentation will be required by the SAPS Permit Office:

**1 South African Police Service (SAPS) SAPS 520 Form**

Complete the temporary firearm import permit application (**SAPS 520**) in advance if possible and bring it with you. The SAP520 can be completed on arrival at the International Airport's SAPS Firearms Office by the Designated Firearms Officer. 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.

• **Complete the following sections in SAPS 520:**

Page 2 (E) Natural Persons Details

Page 4 (G) Import/Export Details

Page 6 (I) Details of firearms & ammunition

Page 7 (J) Signature of Applicant (do this in front of the police official)

**2 Notarized copy of Passport**

**3 Copy of Airline Tickets or Flight Itinerary**

**4 Notarized copy of Proof of Export from Country of Origin**

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 the **CBP 4457** Form [Certificate of Registration for Personal Effects taken Abroad] is acceptable.

**5 Notarized copy of Firearm License**

US Citizens: contact your nearest airport to obtain the form 4457. It gets issued by the Dept. of Homeland Security U.S. Customs and Border Protection before departure.

UK Citizens: only need the UK Firearm and/or Shotgun Certificate or License.

Europe: Firearms Possession License (Waffenbesitzkarte)

European Firearms Pass (Europaeischer Feuerwaffenpass)

Other: A letter from your local sheriff or Police office in the form of an affidavit confirming ownership or Invoice from a gun shop where you have purchased the firearm

**6 Original Letterhead Invitation Letter from Impact Xtreme Shooting**

We will gladly supply this on receipt of your registration for our event/s.

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**ON ARRIVAL AT O R TAMBO INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT, JOHANNESBURG, SOUTH AFRICA**

Disembark from aircraft and clear immigration passport control in Terminal A

Proceed to baggage claim at the respective carousel. Pick up general baggage. Your firearms will be delivered directly to the SAPS firearms office & await you to claim them there.

Clear Customs & proceed to the SAPS Firearms Office situated in front of the Post Office in Terminal B

On arrival at the SAPS Firearm Office, show your issued temporary import permit or have the necessary documentation available for inspection so the police officer can complete the paperwork required to issue you with the Temporary Import permit.

Your firearms and ammunition will be physically inspected to ensure that the serial numbers match those of the licenses and the application forms. You will then be asked to wait while your application is being processed.

When your application has been processed and your permit has been issued, you will have to sign for the permit. If you are connecting to other flights, please make sure that you allow ample time for this process (at least 3 hours).

You are now free to leave the Terminal with your weapons.

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. YOU SHOULD KEEP THE PERMIT WITH YOU AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN SOUTH AFRICA AND WHEN THE FIREARMS ARE IN YOUR POSSESSION.

**IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

**(A) BASIC REGULATIONS AND RESTRICTIONS FOR ISSUING A TEMPORARY IMPORT PERMIT**

- Maximum of four (4) firearms or shotguns per applicant.
- Not more than one of the same calibre 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.

**SPECIAL APPLICATIONS:**

(Subject to pre-approval only: documents must reach us at least 35 days prior to arrival)

**Handguns** are allowed into the country for hunting & sports shooting 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 or sport shooting purposes only;
- A motivational letter from you stating that you will be using the handgun for hunting or sport shooting purposes only and any other relevant motivation.

**Semi-Automatic shotguns:**

A letter of motivation from you must be submitted, stating the reason/s for bringing 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 third parties will help with the application.

**(B) Reasons why your application for Temporary Import Permit may not be approved**

- If you have any of the above-mentioned firearms and/or ammunition.
- If any of the supporting documents as required cannot be produced.
- If you are less than 21 years of age.

**(C) What if your application for Temporary Import Permit is not approved?**

- Your application for a temporary import permit will be refused and your firearms and ammunition will be confiscated and will only be handed back to you when you depart back to your country of residence.
- Please take note that only the Central Firearm Registrar in Pretoria, South Africa can authorize special applications for the above restrictions. These applications have to be made in advance and must reach them no later than 3 (three) weeks before your arrival. You will need a special motivation letter from Impact Xtreme Shooting.

**(D) Additional Information**

Should a firearm not be declared and a temporary import permit not issued, and you proceed through customs without declaring a firearm, you will face severe penalties and possible arrest on departure from South Africa.

Also, please ensure that your firearms arrive on the same flight as you do. This must be done with the airline company on departure. Your firearm/s may only be signed for by you and will not be released to anyone else 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 licence in South Africa and enables you to buy ammunition in South Africa for the calibres 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.

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Please be advised to submit your firearms and ammunition in two separate lockable cases, but NOT in checked baggage, on check in to and from the South Africa.

Please feel free to contact the Impact Xtreme Shooting Team for more information or assistance. Please send an Email to the following:

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We look forward to meeting & hosing international shooters at our South African ELR Events.