

TEMPORARY IMPORT / EXPORT PERMITS REQUIRED BY FOREIGN COMPETITORS – DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED AND PROCEDURE

1. New Firearms Legislation in South Africa

The Firearms Control Act was approved in 2000 and became law on 1st July 2004.

The Firearms Control Act 60 of 2000 is now the current Act, which governs all licensed firearms. With this, there is a new procedure governing the import of firearms for shooting or hunting purposes.

As in the past, a temporary import / export permit is required on entry into South Africa. However, there is certain criterion that must be adhered to when applying for the import / export permit.

2. Application for Temporary import / export permit

Visitors must complete the prescribed application form (SAP 520). A copy of the form is available from the SABU office or can be downloaded from www.saps.org.za or www.sanra.org.za

Applications can either be done directly by yourself to the Central Firearms Registry or through the SABU Office.

The completed application form and supporting documentation must be sent to the SABU office or direct to the Central Firearms Registry by post or courier service (**recommended**)

If using the postal system, please allow 7-14 days for delivery. Please keep in contact with either SABU or the Central Firearms registry to track the progress.

Word of advice: keep two certified copies of your application, one for your records and one in case the original application gets lost in the post.

a. Applications – direct Central Firearms Registry Pretoria

PLEASE ALLOW AT LEAST 30 – 45 DAYS FOR THE CFR TO PROCESS YOUR APPLICATION

Contact details:

Tel No: - +27 12 353 6057
Fax No: - +27 12 353 6041
e-mail - CFR-Imports-Exports@saps.org.za
Address -

b. Applications – via the SABU office

The completed forms must be sent to the SABU office together with the necessary documentation.

The following information must accompany your application form:

Flight Details
 Date of arrival
 Point of entry – Johannesburg or Cape Town
 Flight no

The applications will be hand delivered to the CFCR and progress followed up by the SABU Office. A fee of R150.00 will be charged.

Once the permits are issued by the Central Firearms Registry, SABU will collect the permits and they will be taken to the SAPS at Customs at the airport waiting your arrival.

3. Documents to accompany the application form

- Certified copy of your passport (with photo)
NB: Certified copy means certified by a Commissioner of Oaths – you can get this done at your local police station
- Certified proof of firearm ownership
- Copy of invitation to participate from host country
NB: SABU will attach a letter of invitation to your application. If application is made directly to CFCR please request a copy of the invitation from the SABU office.
- Copy of acceptance of the SABU invitation

Please Note: If part of a team, each and every member of the team requires an individual permit.

4. Guidelines to completing the SAPS 520 form

Page 1	Ignore
Page 2	Complete Section E Particulars of applicant
Page 3	Complete Section F Particulars of the current owners of the firearms
Page 4	Complete Section G Import and/or export details
Page 4	Item 7, date of arrival into South Africa
Page 5	Complete Section I Details of firearms Details of ammunition

NB: please allow for the complete requirements of ammunition for the event, e.g., 450 rounds

Page 6	Please sign the declaration
Page 7	Only to be completed in case of a minor
Page 8	Ignore