

FIREARMS PAPERWORK INTRODUCTION

The last thing anyone who travels internationally wants is more delays or problems at the airport. If you book your hunting trip direct with the foreign outfitter, you are usually on your own to find out what paperwork is needed for TSA, The Department of Homeland Security, US Customs and Border Protection, Foreign Customs, etc. When you book with Avula Safaris we will supply you with all of the forms and instructions on how to fill them out.

Visitor's bringing firearms into South Africa for hunting purposes, will be required to fill out a South African Police (SAP) 520 Temporary Import Application and a 4457 Certificate of Registration for personal effects taken abroad. If you will be returning to the USA with any unused ammo (most leave with the PH's) you will need another 4457 for your ammo. If you are a hunter and will be carrying a firearm(s), the 4457 will also tell the US Customs and Border Patrol agent that the firearms listed on the form have been checked thru the U.S. Stolen Firearms database and the firearm is in a "legal" status.

Your 4457's must be completed and signed by a US Customs agent, which can be done at any International Airport Customs Dept. We advise you to call your local office and make an appointment. You will need to bring the firearm(s) in a locked case, Passport, Drivers Lic. And the attached 4457Form. IF YOU ARE TRAVELING WITH MORE THAN ONE FIREARM, PLEASE USE A SEPARATE 4457 FOR EACH FIREARM.

For your own records anything you are traveling with of value (Bino's, Cameras, Rangefinders) you should list on a separate 4457. Make, Model, Serial Numbers, thus if you have anything lost, stolen or damaged and want to make an insurance claim you have all the info. Again, for your own records.

ARCHERY – There is NO required paperwork for archery equipment. However, we recommend that you complete a 4457, but it does not have to be signed by a customs agent.

To avoid any delays I would ask to have this paperwork to me 4 weeks prior to your safari to process at the South Africa Police Office and to set up Meet & Greet Service.

Please do not hesitate to contact me when completing your SAP520. It may look intimidating, but we can do it together over the phone in 5 minutes. I am here to assist you.

Thank you for choosing Avula Safaris
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