

Hunters planning to hunt with their own firearms in Namibia, must apply at SAPS for a temporary import/export permit to take their firearms across the border legally. Complete the SAPS520 application form and hand it in at your nearest Police Station. Your Police Station will send the application form to its provincial office and from there it will be sent to the Central Firearms Registry for approval and issuing. (It takes at least 21 working days. Therefore, it is important to apply well in advance.)

Other than the regular export permit for the firearm, SAPS also requires the following items that are held at the border post. (NB: the border post does not have facilities to make photocopies of these documents.)

1. A copy of your passport
2. A copy of your firearm licence – back and front – together on one page
3. A copy of your hunting invitation. Remember to make an extra copy

(Please note the special arrangements that apply to children that travel with you to Namibia)

Hunters travelling through Botswana or hunting in Botswana, can phone Mike Botha for more information about required documentation.

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Hunters that want to bring meat back across the border to South Africa, must apply for a permit to import meat. A maximum of 250kg meat for own use are permissible. Hunters that attach an official invitation from the landowner where they plan to hunt, may bring a maximum of 500kg meat across the border (+100kg biltong, hooves, skins etc.).

After the hunt, hunters must visit the nearest state veterinarian for approval of the meat and pay the appropriate fee.

The state veterinarian will complete the official meat import permit which hunters must obtain in South Africa.

Make an appointment with the state veterinarian in advance. They do not always work over weekends.

Once hunters are in possession of a signed meat import permit and the receipt for payment, they can proceed to the border post where the meat will be inspected.

Complete the attached application form and follow the instructions for items 1 – 9 carefully.

It costs **R180.00** per application which takes approximately 5 working days (maximum 10 days during busy periods).

The banking details and address of the Department of Agriculture are on the application form.

Send the application form, proof of payment, official invitation (if applies) and a copy of your ID to: VetPermits@daff.gov.za

Check with the Department of Agriculture if they received your application, at tel. no. (012) 319 7510 or fax no. (012) 329 8292. Hunters may also take their application forms to the Department in person.

SA Hunters' service to members

For R250, SA Hunters will collect members' meat import permits from DAFF and have it delivered by courier.

Enquiries: Vanessa Bell at 012 808 9300.

Kind regards

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