



Republic of Namibia
Ministry of Home Affairs
Department of Police

CLARIFICATION ON POLICY ON BRINGING FIREARMS INTO NAMIBIA:

1. The firearms that may enter Namibia are the following:
 - Bolt-action rifles of any caliber for the explicit purpose of hunting.
 - Doubles of all calibers for the explicit purpose of hunting. These would include configurations of doubles such as side by side shotguns or combination calibers, over and under shotguns or combination calibers.
 - Shotguns, pump action and semi-automatic other than the riot, military or policing type for the explicit purpose of hunting, and
 - Semi-automatic rifles with magazine capacities not exceeding five rounds, for the explicit purpose of hunting.
2. No firearms for any reason other than hunting and/or organized and controlled bisley shooting will be allowed into Namibia. Pistols, revolvers and or automatic firearms in accordance with the provisions of the Nature Conservation Ordinance 1975. (No. 4 of 1975) Section 42 that places restrictions upon firearms and ammunition will not be allowed into Namibia.
3. Where persons wish to bring unconventional firearms or weapons into Namibia for hunting purposes, application to the Inspector General should be made timeously so that the merit of each unique case may be decided upon. (see address listed below)
4. The crux of the matter is thus planning and communication. Where hunters receive invitations to hunt in Namibia, all the relevant information is to be presented at the legal ports of entry in order to facilitate the visitor's entry into Namibia. Where visitors, however, do not comply with these instructions, their firearms will be kept in safekeeping till they exit Namibia, and in these instances, a receipt will be issued to them in relation to their firearms.
5. No problem is envisaged if a hunter brings in more than one rifle as long as the rifles are brought in relation to the type of game, i.e. larger calibers for big game and smaller calibers for small game and huntable birds.

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