TO ALL FRENCH HUNTERS:

Hunters’ Support Service in South Africa can arrange:

 Air Charters;
 International and domestic scheduled air tickets;
 Temporary import and in transit firearm permits;
 Hotel Reservations;
 Transfers to and from hotels, guest lodges and major airports;
 Sightseeing tours;
 Shopping trips;
 Firearm Storage;
 Meet and Assist service for incoming hunters, where you are met off the incoming aircraft, and assisted with the arrival formalities, permit in hand and ready for a good safari.

For temporary firearm importation and in transit permit you need to complete and send to us:

 A copy of the South African Police SAPS520 form attached. You must complete sections E1 to E25.4, G, I, J (don’t forget to sign both sections I and J and submit the full application of 8 pages).
 An authorization to Hunters Support Service to obtain a permit on your behalf in the form of the attached Hunters Support Form to be completed and signed, giving Hunters Support permission to obtain your permit in advance and also confirming you are aware of the Firearms Control Act, 2000.
 An original notarized copy of your photo and signature page of your passport, which must have a minimum of two free pages including the Visa endorsement page in a French passport and a minimum of four months validity after the termination of your hunt.
 An original notarised copy of the Documentary proof of export of the firearms which can be obtained from the nearest Customs Office in your Province. You must take the firearms and an invitation from your Outfitter to the Customs Office and obtain the required permit. (Demande une attestation original du certificat l’exportation des armes – se renseigneraures des douanes francaises qui auronttoutes les documentations nécessaires).
 An original notarised copy of the passport (photo and signature page) and license must be signed and stamped as true copies of the original document by a Public Notary or Attorney.
 A letter from your outfitter confirming your hunting dates, where you are hunting, what species you are hunting, the firearms that he deems applicable to your hunt.
 This letter must also have the Outfitters Accreditation number on it relevant to the province that you will be hunting in.

Although Central Firearms insists on the original documents, they have allowed a postal dispensation due to ongoing difficulties and delays as experienced at the South African Postal Service, and the excessive costs of using courier services instead. Therefore, high quality, clear, scanned copies of documents will now be accepted. Do not send mobile phone photos, or any other low-quality format. Your passport and proof of ownership must be notarised and sent through with the notary confirmation.

PLEASE KEEP IN MIND
There is at this stage no timeframe given for this dispensation, and as it is only a courtesy, it could be revoked at any time.

All documentation is to be completed correctly as per the above and e-mailed to:
air2000@global.co.za or support.tours@global.co.za

Please send at least 21 working days prior to your arrival for processing depending on whether it is a normal application OR 30 working days prior if it is an application for a semi-automatic shotgun or a handgun.
YOU NEED TO ENSURE THAT:

- You have a maximum of four firearms, not more than one of the same calibre.
- The frame, barrel or action are marked with the same serial number.
- Check with your airline as to the number of firearms they allow per passenger, as many airlines are now specifying a maximum of two/three firearms.
- You may only bring ammunition applicable to the firearms that you will be bringing to South Africa.
- All ammunition must be stored in a locked box. Ammunition will not be allowed in the gun case or in a checked bag without being in a locked box.
- If you wish to bring a semi-automatic shotgun for bird shooting, or a custom-made handgun the application should arrive 30 days prior to your arrival at Hunters Support.
- For semi-automatic shotguns and handguns, you must supply a letter of motivation stating the reason for wanting to bring that specific firearm to hunt in South Africa. [It must be an original request - with a good reason otherwise consideration of your application will not be granted]
- In many cases if the handgun is custom made and it is not on the Central Firearms computer system, you will be requested to obtain from the manufacturer a letter stating that the firearm is used solely for hunting purposes. Pictures of the firearm can be requested by Central Firearms. [In this instance consideration of your application may take longer than the specified period, so please submit your applications timeously]

FOR HAND GUNS:

- The outfitter must supply a letter confirming that the handgun will be used for hunting purposes only.
- If required by Central Firearms the outfitter must supply a letter of confirmation from the province where you are hunting that Nature Conservation has no objection to you hunting with a handgun.
- The outfitter is also required to inform you the client in a letter of invitation that you must be aware of the South African Firearm Regulations and that you adhere to the safe storage, transportation, handling and use of the firearms as laid down in the regulations, namely the Firearms Control Act (Act 60 of 2000).
- The proof of ownership and the passport copies must be notarised as true copies of the original.
- The Firearms Control Act has been implemented in its entirety from January 2005, applications need to be completed correctly and submitted timeously to avoid any unforeseen mishaps or delays.

In-transit permits: are required to be obtained by a passenger spending the night in South Africa while in-transit to a third country. The same pre-requisites apply as to obtain the normal Temporary Import permit.