

Prohibited Goods

The importation of, inter alia, the following goods into the Republic are prohibited:

- Narcotic and habit-forming drugs in any form.
- Fully automatic, military and unnumbered weapons, explosives and fireworks.
- Poison and other toxic substances.
- Cigarettes with a mass of more than 2 kg per 1 000.
- Goods to which a trade description or trade mark is applied in contravention of any Act, (for example counterfeit goods).
- Unlawful reproductions of any works subject to copyright.
- Prison-made and penitentiary-made goods.

Restricted Goods

Certain goods may only be imported provided you are in possession of the necessary authority/permit.

If you are in any doubt whether the importation of other goods is restricted, please contact the South African Embassy or local customs office in South Africa. A few examples of the goods in question are listed here for your information:

- South African bank notes in excess of R5000.00, gold coins, coin and stamp collections and unprocessed gold are subject to currency control.
- Endangered species of plants or wild life, whether live or dead, including any parts of and articles made from them.
- Plants and plant products, such as seeds, flowers, fruit, honey, margarine and vegetable oils.
- Animals, birds, poultry and products thereof, for example dairy products, butter and eggs.
- Medicine (excluding sufficient quantities for one month for own personal treatment) accompanied by a letter or certified prescription from a registered physician, except on production of a permit/licence issued by the Director-General: National Health and Population Development.
- By way of a concession, up to 10 kg of tinned or hermetically sealed pork per family, may be imported from Zimbabwe without production of the necessary permit.