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Dear Member

SAPS requires that ALL South African registered vehicles (light, medium and large passenger and goods) leaving the country are required to have certified copies of proof of ownership and finance and insurance permission to cross the border.

This requirement came into effect as of 01 December 2015 – despite calls for an advance warning of such intention.

This is in response to the increasing incidences of auto theft arising from common theft and vehicle high-jacking.

Please ensure that your drivers have copies of these documents at all times they need to cross borders.

Regards

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The new requirements for children travelling to or from South Africa took effect on 1 June 2015. The requirements are aimed at establishing the principle that all minors require the consent of their parents when traveling into or out of South Africa.

Click [HERE](#) for more information.

### **New Vehicle Regulations When Crossing All RSA Borders:**

The South African Police Service (SAPS) has implemented new motor vehicle regulations that came into effect on 1 December 2015 that requires all drivers with South African registered vehicles and other neighbouring countries to carry certified documents proving ownership of the vehicle. The driver of the vehicle needs to be in possession of the following documentation:

- Where the vehicle is owned by the driver, the driver must present a certified copy of vehicle registration / vehicle licence documents at the border posts. The new regulations require the vehicle registration documents to be signed by a commissioner of oaths.
- Where the vehicle is not owned by the driver and is still being financed by the bank, the driver will require an authorisation letter from the financial institution/bank authorising the driver to take the vehicle out of the country, this letter must indicate the country and dates of travels. The new regulations require the authorisation letter to be signed by a commissioner of oaths.
- Where the vehicle is not owned by the driver but by a company or another person, the driver will require an affidavit from SAPS giving authorisation from the financial institution/owner to take the vehicle across the border posts.
- Where the vehicle is not owned by the driver but by a vehicle rental company, the driver must obtain a border letter from the vehicle rental company authorising the driver to take the vehicle out of the country. This letter should indicate the country and dates of travels.
- Proof of vehicle and 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance should be included in your documentation.

The Mpumalanga South African Police Service has confirmed that the new measures will be strictly enforced to curb criminal activity between the neighbouring countries.

### **Certification of Documents:**

- You can have copies of original documents certified at any police station, at any time free of charge.
- You must provide the original documents when requesting to have copies certified. Copies will not be certified if the original documents are not produced for verification.
- Alternatively, you can have copies certified at the following places:
  - Lawyers or notary public (who are members of a recognised professional body)
  - Actuaries or accountants (who are members of a recognised professional body)
  - Members of the judiciary
  - Directors, managers or company secretaries of a bank or regulated financial services business
  - The South African Post Office. To assist you with finding your closest SA Post Office branch, click [HERE](#) to download the contact information and branch operating times.

### **Port of Entry Process Flow (ZA):**

- Collect your gate pass from the guard when you enter the border post.
- After collecting the gate pass, you can now proceed to the next stop at the SAPS canopy. The SAPS officials will ask you for your cars registration forms and they will proceed with their verification checks, if there are no issues, you can now proceed to the main building.
- At the main building, you need to proceed to the customs counter first to stamp your gate pass. If you have anything to declare like any valuables such as laptops, cameras, etc, kindly inform the customs official and complete the necessary documentation. Make sure

that the form is stamped and store it in a safe place as you will require the form on your return to South Africa.

- You can now proceed to the Immigration counter to stamp your passport and gate pass.
  - You can now proceed to your vehicle and drive towards the entry gate into Mozambique.
- At the gate you can give the gate pass to the guard and then proceed into Mozambique

### Port of Entry Requirements (ZA):

- All drivers with South African registered vehicles and other neighbouring countries to carry certified documents proving ownership of the vehicle
- Visas are not required by Mozambique passport holders for tourism purposes in South Africa for a stay of no longer than 30 days.
- As of 24 November 2015, the Department of Home Affairs (DHA) in South Africa will no longer be processing the passports of Mozambican citizens that still make use of the non-machine readable (hand written) passports. Only machine readable passports will be accepted.
- No person including children will be allowed through the port of entry without a valid passport. Note: as per the new RSA requirements, children will only be allowed to travel through South African Ports of Entry if their parents / guardians are in possession of their unabridged birth certificate.
- Passports should have at least two unused pages (one full page with both front and back pages blank) when presented for purposes of endorsing a port of entry visa, visa, permanent residence permit or entry or departure stamp. – Department of Home Affairs (DHA).
- The period of validity of a foreigner's passport shall not be less than 30 days after the foreigner's intended date of departure from South Africa. – Department of Home Affairs (DHA).
- Travellers arriving in South Africa will need to complete a Traveller Card if they have

- something to declare (this will replace the DA331 form). Drivers of vehicles from non-South African Customs Union (SACU) countries should also complete the Traveller Card.
- Only original Traveller Cards will be accepted and these will be made available at the arrival and departure points at the border post.
  - Travellers should ensure that they declare all goods in their possession with all necessary documentation such as invoices or proof of purchase. All imported second-hand clothing entering the country needs to be accompanied by a permit from the Department of Trade & Industry and SARS Customs.
  - All valuable items such as motorbikes, cameras and laptops are to be declared at SARS Customs. These items should also be securely stored.
  - If you are bringing valuable goods into the country on a temporary basis (temporary imports), you should also declare those goods on a Travellers Card. A Temporary Importation Permit (called a TIP) will be issued and you may have to pay a provisional deposit, which you will get back if you leave the country with your goods within 6 months.
  - If you are leaving the country temporarily with valuable goods, you may also apply for a Temporary Export Permit on a Traveller Card.
  - No individual is allowed to import or export firearm(s) without a permit
  - No agricultural and animal products including live animals even for personal consumption are allowed to enter the country (RSA) without a permit. Such goods will be detained if permits are not available by Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DAFF).
  - All corpses (bodies of deceased persons) need a permit to enter or exit the country, contact the Mpumalanga Department of Health & Social Services (MDOH & SS) for more information. Note: It is advisable, in special circumstances, to notify the relevant departments at the border post of your arrival time and date in advance so that your crossing will be much easier.
  - Travellers going abroad or coming into the country are only allowed to bring medicine which will last for 30 days if they are in possession of the doctor's prescription – Department of Health & Social Services (MDOH & SS)