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**IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CROSS BORDER TRAVEL RELATING TO ZAMBIA 01 October 2016**

It is important that any agent or individual advising or acting in the best interest of a client be aware of the following conditions or implications to collecting and dropping vehicles off in Zambia. It is for the reasons below that we recommend using one of our standard depot collection points in South Africa or Botswana (Kasane).

1. Please be aware that these conditions or potential risks are NOT by any means exclusive to Bushlore but to any foreign registered vehicle being used in these countries. So long as the client is using a vehicle which is not registered in Zimbabwe or in Zambia these conditions apply.
2. If the client is collecting a vehicle in Zambia, our driver will deliver the vehicle to them and therefore the Customs Import Permit (CIP) for the vehicle will be in OUR driver's name. Where we are able to convince customs to add a second driver to the TIP (Temporary Import Permit) we will do so but certain customs officials will not allow this. In this case the client is therefore travelling with a TIP in another person's name. This has not been an issue previously but we have heard utterances that this could become an issue and a good reason for a 'fine'. We cannot avoid this, but to date in Zambia this has not been an issue yet.
3. TIP EXPIRY DATES – when you take a vehicle through the border of Zambia with the intention to leave the vehicle there (one way drop-off) we must always ensure the finish date is well after your return date to allow enough time to remove the vehicle. There is no extra cost to request say 30 days as opposed to 14 days. In the case we are delivering the vehicle to you we will do our utmost to ensure we get a TIP with an expiry date that terminates well after your rental termination date HOWEVER customs will on occasion not allow us to take TIP for long enough and in this case you will need to go to a customs office and have it extended. There is no way around this so please be aware of this risk and that expired TIP is *fined heavily* and all costs will be for the hirers account.
4. One-way drop-off in Zambia and refusal to allow entry into Zambia when it is openly declared the vehicle would be left in Zambia. Customs may REFUSE access to visitors who openly declare they will leave a vehicle in Zambia. We cannot see that it would be a lawful reason not to allow access but these laws are open to interpretation by customs offices at the port of entry and in one case the border official denied access to a client who was to travel into Zambia for only two days and leave the vehicle in ZAMBIA. The client was forced to leave the vehicle at the border.
5. LEAVE all vehicle papers in the vehicle – All vehicle related documents including the CIP or TIP (TEMPORARY IMPORT OR CUSTOMS IMPORT PERMIT), carbon tax, 3<sup>rd</sup> party insurance and CVG must be left in the vehicle in a safe place as these are required to export the vehicle. Failure to leave these papers in the vehicle may result in delays and costs for which the hirer is responsible.

6. Given these risks it is in the interest of any hirer to consider rather collecting the vehicle in South Africa or Botswana rather than Zimbabwe or Zambia. Kasane is very close to Victoria falls and Livingstone and it would avoid these issues. Transfers across to Kasane are easily available. We accept no responsibility for any costs or inconvenience which may result due to the circumstances listed above.

The information is based on our experience and in the hope of keeping you informed. We are not experts in the laws of these countries but it is accurate according to what we have been advised and experienced firsthand. We hope it will be useful and we are willing to try and assist should you require further details.