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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR CROSS BORDER TRAVEL RELATING TO ZIMBABWE 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 Zimbabwe. 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 Zimbabwe, our driver will deliver the vehicle to them and therefore the Temporary import permit (TIP) 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 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 of late and only when exiting Zimbabwe at certain borders (Chirundu and borders to Mozambique) we have had the situation where the TIP in another person's name is not accepted and clients are fined up to USD500.00. The declaration on the TIP is not specific to use of the vehicle by another driver and may be open to interpretation. We will not accept any costs relating to the above as there is no way for us to avoid this issue. We have not experienced any issues at the Victoria falls border so would recommend this town be the preferred option for starting and finishing Zimbabwe rentals.
3. TIP EXPIRY DATES – when you take a vehicle through the border of Zimbabwe 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 or even the full 90 days allowed 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.
4. One-way drop-off in Zimbabwe – please ensure the TIP expiry date is valid well after your return date to allow us time to remove the vehicle.
5. LEAVE all vehicle papers in the vehicle – All vehicle related documents including the TIP (TEMPORARY IMPORT), carbon tax, 3rd 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.