

Tyres – Import Procedure dated 17.3.2012

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Better than 25% saving by direct import vs buying from a tyre agent in Joburg.

This is what I did:

- 1 Got quotes from Vintage Tyre Supplies www.vintagetyres.com and Longstone Tyres www.longstone.com both in UK. Same price on both websites. Longstone did not reply to my email enquiry.
 - 2 VTS offered 10% discount and quoted for delivery by courier to my door. (Perhaps one should first get a pro-forma invoice and name of courier company and then apply for the import permit before ordering. That is, do steps 5 to 12 and then step 3. The import permit is valid for 12 months, thus if you want to carry the tyres back as excess baggage on your next overseas trip, you could do all this stuff before you leave)
 - 3 Sent my credit card details by fax.
 - 4 Next day UPS – Supply Chain Solution Pty Ltd (the courier) phoned me. Tyres in Joburg, import permit required. UPS gave me ITAC contact details.
 - 5 Phoned ITAC (International Trade Administration Commission) on 012 394 3721 or visit website www.itac.org.za Website was not helpful. Spoke to Maritha, requires authorisation from NRCS, gave me contact details.
 - 6 Phoned National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications on 012 428 7274 Spoke to Samson Ngobeni and he told me what info required. He is a star!
 - 7 Faxed to NRCS for attention Samson at 086 676 4594, the following info:
 - Brand name of tyres
 - Country of origin
 - Size of tyres
 - Number of tyres
 - Type of tyre
 - New or used
 - Purpose for which required – private passenger car
 - Reason for importing – size not available in SA
 - Your email address and request to email authorisation back.
- Attached copy of the invoice to the fax. (not sure that this was necessary)
- 8 Received authorisation within 2 hours!
 - 9 Phoned ITAC, gave Maritha my email address and she sent me an application form.
 - 10 Emailed blank application form to UPS asking for help with customs codes:
 - 1 Customs code number 07070707 if you are an individual, not a trader.
 - 7 Full tariff heading and description: In this case 4011.10.00(4) and “New pneumatic tyres for use on a motor car”
 - 12 UPS advised that the value on the application should include transport plus R500 just in case. Customs and VAT will be charged on invoice figures.

- 13 Customs clearance office: In this case JSA, ORTIA
- 11 Faxed completed application to ITAC at 012 394 0517
with copy of my ID and the NRCS authorisation.
- 12 Import permit received by email 2 days later. Forwarded to UPS by email.
- 13 UPS emailed to me an invoice for customs duty and VAT paid.
Paid them by electronic transfer or direct deposit. Fax receipt to UPS.
- I was charged 30% duty because the tyres were made in Thailand for VTS England.
If made in EU then 15%.
And 14% VAT on both tyres and courier fees.
- 14 Tyres arrived at my door 2 days later, exactly 10 days after order. (I did not work full time
on this, so it could be accelerated)

Good Luck!