

Documentary Requirements:

IMPORTATION AND EXPORTATION OF MORTAL REMAINS (NON-INFECTIOUS AND INFECTIOUS):

1. Import Permit
2. Export permit from the Embassy
3. Import permit from the Embassy at destination
4. Medical Certificate
5. Authorization letter from the Funeral Home
6. The undertaker's letter of confirmation that destination will take delivery of the HUM
7. Burial order
8. Airfreight Instructions complete with the consignee details
9. A Death Certificate clearly stating the cause of death. If the cause of death is unknown, a permit will not be issued. In the case of an infectious disease, an autopsy report is also required.
10. ID document / Passport. **Copy of the deceased SA passport or id certified by the relevant mission.**
11. Embalming Certificate clearly stating in the case of:
 - Non-Infectious – That the remains were embalmed, sealed in an airtight container and placed in a sturdy non-transparent coffin.
 - Infectious – That the remains were embalmed, placed in a polythene bag, placed in a second polythene bag, sealed in an airtight container and placed in a sturdy non-transparent coffin.
12. If embalming cannot be done due to religious reasons, please include a statement of the alternative that will be used to ensure the safe transportation of the remains.
13. A written statement from a medical practitioner that the remains will not constitute a danger to public health.
14. A non-infectious disease certificate.
15. Letter from the family member requesting importation. If the deceased died while on business for their employer and the employer will be handling the transportation of the remains, a letter from the employer must be attached explaining the situation.
16. If the documents are not in English, a certified translation must be attached.
17. A covering letter from the South African Representative that includes:
 - Name of deceased

- Date of death
- Cause of death
- Country of death
- Place of burial
- Full contact numbers including dialing codes