



*South African Revenue Service*

Dear Stakeholder

**TRADE TESTING DATES AND SOFTWARE IMPLEMENTATION: TAX DIRECTIVES**

SARS will introduce enhancements to the Tax Directives process as indicated in the IBIR-006 Tax Directives Interface Specification Version 6.401. **Trade testing is planned to start on 7 November 2022** in order to prepare for the implementation of the software during the fourth quarter of the 2022/23 financial year (Changes are planned for implementation on 9 December 2022). In the event that the dates need to change, SARS will communicate accordingly.

The Tax Directives Interface Specification is available on the SARS website [www.sars.gov.za](http://www.sars.gov.za) and you are encouraged to review it prior to testing.

**Please follow these steps to submit test files:**

**Step 1:** Before testing can commence, you will need to email 10 taxpayer reference numbers to [ncts@sars.gov.za](mailto:ncts@sars.gov.za) to ensure the numbers are active. In the email subject line, use **“Tax reference numbers for Trade Testing”**. **A maximum of 10 taxpayer reference numbers will be allowed.**

**Step 2:** You will be notified via the same email address to confirm when testing may commence.

For trade testing queries please email [ncts@sars.gov.za](mailto:ncts@sars.gov.za)

Sincerely

**THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE**

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