

What's New at SARS

- Feb 11, 2022

Legal Counsel – Secondary Legislation – Tariff Amendments 2022

11 February 2022 – Customs & Excise Act, 1964: Publication details for [tariff amendment notice R1748](#), as published in *Government Gazette* 45900 on 11 February 2022, are now available

- Feb 10, 2022

Tax Directives

10 February 2022 – Tax Directives: Trade Testing Dates and Software Implementation

SARS will introduce enhancements to the Tax Directives process as indicated in the [IBIR-006 Tax Directives Interface Specification Version 6.303](#). The trade testing dates are still to be confirmed and the implementation of the software is planned for the first quarter of the 2022/23 financial year (1 March 2022 – 31 May 2022). You will receive communication with regards to the exact dates for trade testing and the implementation date closer to the time. For more information, [click here](#).

- Feb 10, 2022

Legal Counsel – Secondary Legislation – Tariff Amendments 2022

10 February 2022 – Customs & Excise Act, 1964: The [tariff amendment notice](#), scheduled for publication in the *Government Gazette*, relates to –

- insertion of provisional payment of Brazilian exporters – Agroaraçá Indústria De Alimentos LTDA, Agrosul Agroavícola Industrial S.A., Aurora Cooperativa Central Aurora Alimentos, COPACOL – Cooperativa Agroindustrial Consolata and Zanchetta Alimentos LTDA at a rate of 30.5% and substitution of provisional duties, exported by HK Scan Denmark A/S, Drobimex Sp. Z.O.O, UVE SA, Avicola Sanchez SL, Avicola De Lleida SAU, Avicola De Galicia, S.A.U., Dolz España, S.L. and Escorxador D'Aus Torrent I Fills S.L in relation to anti-dumping duties against the alleged dumping of frozen bone-in portions of fowls of the species *Gallus Domesticus*, classifiable under tariff subheading 0207.14.9, originating in or imported from Brazil, Denmark, Poland and Spain – ITAC Report 678

Publication details will be made available later

- Feb 10, 2022

Legal Counsel – Secondary Legislation – Rule Amendments 2022

10 February 2022 – Customs & Excise Act, 1964: The [rule amendment notice](#), scheduled for publication in the *Government Gazette*, relates to the –

- Substitution in item 202.00 of the Schedule to the Rules of the DA 260 tobacco products accounts (DAR228)

Publication details will be made available on 18 February 2022

- Feb 9, 2022

New SMME Traders and Travellers webpage

9 February 2022 – We invite all Small Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMME's) who are operating cross-border, to visit the newly established [SMME Traders and Travellers webpage](#). This new webpage can be found through the secondary menu on the following webpages: Business & Employers, Small Businesses – Taxpayers, Customs & Excise,

Travellers as well as Excise. This webpage aims to provide relevant information for SMME Traders and Travellers in a simplified and easily accessible manner. The SMME Traders and Travellers Team is doing a wide range of work including education, outreach, research, surveys and service improvements. The page will be utilised to update on the progress and outcomes of these activities. In order to make this page more relevant, informative, interesting and exciting, SMME Traders and Travellers are encouraged to send their suggestions to the email address provided under “Need Help?” as this will assist the team to improve further.

- Feb 9, 2022

Maintenance on SARS Third Party Data Submissions Platforms 12 February 2022

9 February 2022 – Please note that the submissions platforms for both Secure File Gateway and Connect:Direct will be temporarily offline for planned maintenance between **20:00 on Saturday 12 February and 02:00 on Sunday 13 February 2022.**

Please do not submit any files in the Production or Test environments during this time, as they will not be received or processed. Files already in the system will be paused and will continue processing upon conclusion of the maintenance.

- Feb 9, 2022

Tenders

9 February 2022 – Updated list of [awarded tenders](#) has been published.

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Tenders

9 February 2022 – RFP38/2021: [Appointment of the qualified service provider \(s\) for the provision of destruction and disposal of Customs goods for SARS nationally for the period of five \(5\) years.](#)

- Feb 8, 2022

Legal Counsel – Preparation of Legislation – Draft Documents for Public Comment

8 February 2022 – Customs & Excise Act, 1964: Draft Schedule Amendment

- [Draft amendment to Part 1D of Schedule No. 6](#) – Insert Note 10 in order to align with the similar corresponding refund provisions of malt beer and other fermented beverages

Due date for public comment: 9 March 2022

- Feb 8, 2022

Postponement of the Authorised Economic Operator Programme Webinar

8 February 2022 – The Authorised Economic Operator (AEO) Webinar has been postponed until further notice due to the State of the Nation Address (SONA) scheduled for 10 February 2022.

The webinar was designed to provide current and potential traders with information on how to clear goods at various ports with minimal Customs intervention and obtain accreditation that allows access to the International Trade Community.

We recognize that the SONA should take precedence due to its critical importance to the government, citizens, and SARS.

The new webinar date and registration process will be announced in due course. Please accept our apologies for the inconvenience.

- Feb 8, 2022

Customs Weekly List of Unentered Goods

8 February 2022 – [Customs Weekly List of Unentered Goods](#)