

What's New at SARS

Media Release – SARS Customs intercepts rhino horn at OR Tambo

3 June 2022 – The South African Revenue Service (SARS) Customs unit working with the South African Police Service (SAPS) successfully foiled an attempt to smuggle rhino horn out of the country after receiving information about the suspicious luggage en route to Abu-Dhabi. The Customs team responded by dispatching officers to the baggage area where the luggage was scanned, revealing images. Two items of luggage wrapped in plastic were taken to the Customs search area, where the luggage was rescanned and searched. Upon inspection, seventeen (17) pieces of rhino horn, weighing 25kg were found. The SAPS took the passenger to the International Police Station. The goods were handed to the SAPS for further investigations. [See the full media statement here.](#)

Legal Counsel – Secondary Legislation – Tariff Amendments 2022

3 June 2022 – Customs & Excise Act, 1964: The [tariff amendment notices](#), scheduled for publication in the *Government Gazette*, relate to the amendments to –

- Part 5A of Schedule No. 1, by the increase of 75 cents per litre in the rate of the general fuel from R2.35/l to R3.10/l levy for petrol and from R2.20/l to R2.95/l for diesel, respectively (with effect from 6 July 2022 up to and including 2 August 2022);
- Part 3 of Schedule No. 6, as a consequence to the increase in the rate of the general fuel levy; the diesel refund provisions are adjusted accordingly (with effect from 6 July 2022 up to and including 2 August 2022);
- Part 5A of Schedule No. 1, by the increase in the rate of the general fuel levy from R3.10/l to R3.85/l for petrol and for diesel from R2.95/l to R3.70/l, respectively (with effect 3 August 2022); and
- Part 3 of Schedule No. 6, as a consequence to the increase in the rate of the general fuel levy, the diesel refund provisions are adjusted accordingly (with effect from 3 August 2022).
- Publication details will be made available on 10 June 2022.

Customs Letter to Trade – Charter and Passenger Carry

3 June 2022 – The previously communicated letter, “Discontinuation of General Codes”, dated 11 May 2022 refers. Following further discussions with the South African Express Parcel Association (SAEPA), the South African Association of Freight Forwarders (SAAFF), and the Air Cargo Committee

(ACOC), SARS will make the following codes available for use in respect of Charter Cargo not transported under a Master Air Waybill (MAWB) or Master Bill of Lading (MBL), as well as for Passenger Carried Cargo.

- ZCH – Charter Cargo (No MAWB / MBL)
- ZCP – Passenger Carried Cargo

For more information, [see our letter to Trade](#).

Tenders

2 June 2022 – The latest [Tender Bids Received](#) and [Awarded Tenders](#) documents are available.

Latest Tax Practitioner newsletter is available

2 June 2022 – The [May 2022 issue of the Tax Practitioner Connect newsletter](#) is now available. See the latest edition for news on amended criteria for RCBs, SARS readiness programme, tax directive legislative changes implemented and more.

e@syFile downtime alert

1 June 2022 – Due to maintenance on e@syFile, the application will not be available today, 1 June 2022, between 17:00 and 18:00. Our apologies for the inconvenience.

Legal Counsel – Secondary Legislation – Tariff Amendments 2022

1 June 2022 – Customs & Excise Act, 1964: Publication details for [tariff amendment notices R2124 and R2125](#), as published in Government Gazette 46465 on 1 June 2022, are now available.

Alert: SARS Third Party Data Submissions 2022 – NOW CLOSED

01 June 2022 – Third Party Data submissions for the 2022 reporting period of annual Third Party Data Returns that includes the associated data files and declarations for the various data types [IT3(b), IT3(c), IT3(s), MED, INS, FTI] is NOW CLOSED! If your data submission is still outstanding, you are urged to urgently submit the respective data files and declarations without further delay, as incomplete, late or non-submissions may be liable for penalties and would impact your respective clients. It is encouraging to convey that 99% of the required Third Party Data submissions have been receipted as at 1PM today and we would like to thank those Third Party Data Providers that made their submissions on or before the due date (31 May 2022). Should you experience any challenges while making your submissions, you are welcome to contact us by emailing SARS Third Party Data Support (Bus_Sys_CDSupport@sars.gov.za). For more detailed information about SARS

Third Party Data Submissions, please visit the [Third Party Data Submission Platform](#) webpage.

New Tender

1 June 2022 – **RFI04-2022**: [EPMO Project and Portfolio Management System](#).

PAYE Annual Reconciliation 2022

1 June 2022 – The Annual Reconciliation Declaration (EMP501) submission period closed on 31 May. Employers who have not yet submitted their annual reconciliation declarations can still submit their EMP501 declarations. Please take note that administrative penalties will be charged. [Click here](#) for more information on Administrative penalties.

Legal Counsel – Secondary Legislation – Tariff Amendments 2022

31 May 2022 – Customs & Excise Act, 1964: The [tariff amendment notices](#), scheduled for publication in the *Government Gazette*, relate to the amendments to –

- Part 5A of Schedule No. 1, to extend the date of the reduction of R1.50 per litre of the general fuel levy for petrol from R3.85/l to R2.35/l and for diesel from R3.70/l to R2.20/l, as announced by the Minister of Finance on 31 March 2022; and
- Part 3 of Schedule No. 6, as a consequence to the extension of the date of the reduction of the general fuel levy, as announced by the Minister of Finance on 31 March 2022; the diesel refund provisions are adjusted accordingly.

The amendments are with effect from 6 April 2022 up to and including 5 July 2022. Publication details will be made available later.

Tender

31 May 2022 – RFP52/2021: [Appointment of a panel of service providers for the provision of forklifts for the period of five \(5\) years](#). Please note that the documents have been amended and the closing date has changed to 30 June 2022.

Reminder: SARS Third Party Data Submissions 2022 – NOW DUE (Today!)

31 May 2022 – This notification serves as a reminder that Third Party Data submissions for the 2022 reporting period of annual Third Party Data Returns that includes the associated data files and declarations [IT3(b), IT3(c), IT3(s), MED, INS, FTI] are due by Tuesday, 31 May 2022. Third Party Data Providers are urged to make timely submissions, as incomplete, late or non-submissions may be liable for penalties and would impact your respective clients. It is of

crucial importance that data submissions are complete and accurate first time around as this data is direct inputs into the SARS processes that include pre-population and auto-assessments of tax returns. Your data submissions are enabling our ability to offer a seamless service and experience to taxpayers (your clients) in line with our objective to make it easy for taxpayers to comply with their obligations. It is encouraging to convey that 70% of the required Third Party Data submissions have been received as at 1PM today and we would like to thank those Third Party Data Providers that made their submissions well in advance of the due date. Should you experience any challenges while making your submissions, you are welcome to contact us by emailing SARS Third Party Data Support (Bus_Sys_CDsupport@sars.gov.za). For more detailed information about SARS Third Party Data Submissions, please visit the [Third Party Data Submission Platform](#) webpage.

Media Release – Trade Statistics for April 2022

31 May 2022 – SARS today release trade statistics for April 2022 recording a preliminary trade balance surplus of R15.49 billion attributable to exports of R151.79 billion and imports of R136.30 billion. For the full [Trade Statistics Media Release for April 2022, click here](#). Or visit the [Trade Statistics webpage](#).

Customs Weekly List of Unentered Goods

30 May 2022 – [Customs Weekly List of Unentered Goods](#)

New Tender

30 May 2022 – RFP52/2021: [Appointment of a panel of service providers for the provision of forklifts for the period of five \(5\) years](#).