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Dear Stakeholder

CUSTOMS MODERNISATION: ENHANCEMENTS AT REMAINING BLNS LANDBORDER POSTS AND INLAND OFFICES

The following changes will come into effect with the next Customs Modernisation rollout on Saturday, 13 October 2012:

1. All remaining Botswana, Lesotho, Namibia and Swaziland (BLNS) **land borders** will be able to process international Customs Procedure Codes (CPCs) as specified on the latest CPC chart. For a copy of the latest CPC chart, please access the following link <http://www.sars.gov.za/home.asp?pid=60547> (Updated CPC Chart) and download. In this regard, note must be taken of the following –
 - a. **Outbound clearances of 'bonded' cargo** (imported or locally manufactured) being removed by road, i.e. removal in bond, removal in transit, as well as ex-warehouse goods, must reflect the 'office of entry' code as the branch office code in which the warehouse or transit area is located; and the 'port of exit' code as the office code through which the goods will depart South Africa.
 - b. **All free circulation outbound clearances** being removed by road must reflect both the 'office of entry' and 'port of exit' codes as the code of the office at which the goods will depart South Africa.
 - c. Kindly note that all goods declared for export by road must be reflected on a road manifest to ensure that the arrival process of the vehicle at the border can be facilitated.

2. **All inland offices** will also now be able to process BLNS CPCs.

DETAILED OUTLINE OF CHANGES

1. Bonded movements declared at inland Customs offices, exiting at land borders by road

Applicability: National

Description: The customs system will allow clearance of certain goods destined for exit at land borders to continue to be declared at inland ports. These instances pertain to declarations processed under the following CPCs and their associated previous procedure combinations.

Details:

Exports: F52 [ZES], F53 [XES], H67 [XE], and H68 [ZE].

Imports: All Import CPCs where the Removal Transport Code is Road and the goods are removed to a BLNS country via any land border.

For a list of CPC combinations, please refer to the Guide for Application of Customs Procedure Codes at the following [link](#). Refer to the third 'tab' of the spreadsheet. Service Providers have already been notified of these requirements for incorporation into your software application.

2. Retro-fit of BLNS functionality at non-SACU Customs offices

Applicability: National

Description: Enabling the processing of SACU clearances on SARS legacy import and export systems.

Details: Submission of electronic SACU clearances must apply the new “Document/message name, coded” (routing code) on the BGM for SACU clearances. These codes are “929” and 830” for imports and export declarations, respectively. Service Providers have already been notified of these requirements for incorporation into your software application.

Important: Branches will accept SACU clearances on the current CCA system up until 12:00 (noon) on Saturday 13 October 2012. Deferment account holders will receive a statement for all pre-cutover declarations from the CCA system which must be processed as per normal.

After go-live at 13:00, all SACU clearances will be routed for processing on the legacy import and export declaration systems, respectively.

GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING CUSTOMS PROCESSING

3. **All land borders** (SACU and international) have the ability to process any CPC, bearing in mind the rules specified below. It is emphasised, however, that the interchangeable use of international and SACU CPCs at land borders is still fixed according to current rules, where for example:

An ex-warehouse clearance declared at any land border will not be accepted by the customs system because the warehouse concerned is not linked to the border post. Traders must therefore declare such clearances at the ‘customs office’ (office of entry) where the particular warehouse is registered.

4. **All import declarations** (direct and ex-warehouse) must reflect the “Port Of Exit” data field if destined for any SACU country by Road.
5. **All direct export declarations** must have “Port Of Exit” if crossing any land border by road and must be the same as “Office of Declaration”.
6. On any direct import, if the Mode of Transport is Road and the Previous Procedure Code is “00”, then the district office must be a land border. Inclusive to this, are CPCs I7760/68/75, I7876 and L9190.
7. If BLNS goods destined to SA were originally cleared on a B2200 (IM8) and subsequently need to be declared on a A1200 (IM4), in this case the A1200 should be declared as a substitution declaration.
8. **All ex-warehouse export declarations** must have “*Port Of Exit*” if crossing any land border by road. With regard to direct imports and export cross border clearances by road, Transport Code “00” will not be permitted. On all declarations where the goods removed by road and exiting a land border, the ‘*Road Manifest No.*’ (*Transport Document Number*) must be inserted in the following format:
 - Road Haulier code assigned by SARS at registration - (8AN)
 - Manifest Number assigned by Road Haulier (AN27)

You will receive further communication on the implementation timelines before the end of the week.

Sincerely



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