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Dear Customs client

### SACU UCR DEPLOYMENT DATE

An amendment to the Rules to section 38 of the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) UCR (Unique Consignment Reference) is to be published in the Government Gazette on 27 July 2018.

However, due to an unforeseen issue, the system implementation has been postponed to 17 August 2018.

Service providers and traders are advised to continue using the existing UCR rules for Exports.

Please note that where the exporter code is not 70707070, the current UCR validations will accept the new SACU UCR format.

Where the exporter code is not 70707070, service providers / traders can use the new SACU UCR prior to 17 August 2018.

However, only the first three components of the existing UCR (Year, Country and Exporter code) will be validated.

The enhanced validation and requirement on import declarations for the Kingdom of Eswatini (Swaziland) will only be deployed on 17 August 2018.

Yours sincerely

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**ACTING CHIEF OFFICER: CUSTOMS AND EXCISE TAXES**  
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