

Dear Customs client

UPDATE ON SARS'S MANIFEST SYSTEM ROLLOUT

We would like to update you on the rollout of SARS's new Manifest Processing System, as per the letter issued to stakeholders on 1 June 2016.

We have received numerous enquiries relating to the implementation of the new MPR system from road hauliers (both domestic and foreign) and clearing agents. The aim of this correspondence is to provide further clarity on the implementation of MPR this weekend (17 June 2016).

The following are a few Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

- **Is it mandatory to make use of MPR?**
No, it is not mandatory at the time of implementation, but road hauliers are urged to register in order to benefit from the trade facilitation measures offered by the new solution. It is, however, anticipated that its use will become mandatory in due course.
- **Will the manual channel still be available?**
Yes, MPR only replaces the previous ACM electronic solution.
- **I am currently registered for ACM, must I re-register for MPR?**
No, current ACM registrations are automatically carried over to MPR.
- **I am a foreign road haulier, how do I register for MPR?**
You need to appoint a South African registered agent who will register on your behalf and we will then provide you with an MPR road haulier code. Your agent must be able to submit electronic Road Freight Manifests to MPR on your behalf.
- **Where can I find information on registration?**
You can find the necessary information and forms on the following SARS webpage:
<http://www.sars.gov.za/ClientSegments/Customs-Excise/Processing/Pre-assessment/Registration/Pages/ACM.aspx>

We will supply more information on the system downtime for the rollout closer to the time.

The current ACM webpage (www.sars.gov.za > Customs and Excise > Processing > Assessment > ACM) will also be updated with new information following the rollout

Sincerely



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