



South African Revenue Service

Dear Stakeholder

TAX DIRECTIVES: TRADE TESTING AND GO-LIVE DATE

SARS will introduce the 2018 legislation changes for Tax Directives on **3 May 2019** and in preparation for this, trade testing for ISV submissions will start on **17 April 2019**.

You are encouraged to participate in trade testing, so that the submission of your files may run smoothly when the new Tax Directives changes have been applied.

Follow these easy steps:

Step 1: Before testing can commence, you will need to email 10 taxpayer reference numbers to ncts@sars.gov.za, to ensure the numbers are active. In the email subject line, use "Tax reference numbers for Trade Testing". A max of 10 taxpayer reference numbers will be allowed. You will be notified via the same email address to proceed with testing by submitting the files.

Step 2: To ensure compliance with the IBIR-006 specifications, SARS will randomly select IRP3's generated from the submitted taxpayer reference numbers, and request you to send the IRP3 for review. If it does not conform to the SARS standard, an electronic submission to SARS will not be allowed. For more information on the layout, kindly refer to the 'Processed Directives Response Data Record' and 'IRP3 FORM HARD COPY EXAMPLE' in the [IBIR-006 -Tax Directive Interface Specification](#).

For any queries about trade testing, you may email ncts@sars.gov.za.

Your assistance is highly appreciated.

Sincerely

THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE

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