Dear Customs client

**UPDATE ON THE NEW CUSTOMS ACTS PROGRAMME (NCAP) – DPS**

Last year in a communique dated 20 November 2018, SARS advised clients of its intention to first pilot the new functionalities developed under the Declaration Processing System (DPS) before operationalising it at a later stage.

Mention was also made of the fact that certain amendments to the rules to the Customs and Excise Act (Act No. 91 of 1964) were being considered in order to better support the pilot.

This process could, unfortunately, not be concluded within the original timeframe envisaged and, as a result, it has been decided to temporarily delay the implementation of the pilot.

Once those amendments have been concluded, SARS will announce a new date for the pilot and engage with previously identified parties to commence with the trade testing cycle.

Thank you for your continued co-operation throughout this phased implementation of the New Customs Acts Programme.

Sincerely,

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