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Dear Customs client

### ISSUANCE AND CERTIFICATION OF SADC CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN – TEMPORARY ARRANGEMENTS

As a result of the current industrial action at SARS, we would like to inform you of temporary measures instituted in relation to the authorisation and authentication of SADC certificates of origin for cargo exported from South Africa.

Traders who are currently unable to process their SADC certificates at land borders can submit it for authentication and approval at their local (origin) Custom district office.

Alternatively, traders can elect to exports goods and pay the general rate of duties at an importing country in relation to the goods. In such cases, SARS will issue retrospective SADC certificates to be submitted at an importing country to enable importers to claim refund at a later stage.

SARS apologises for the inconvenience caused and appreciate the assistance of trade in this regard.

Sincerely,

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