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Dear Trader

**SIMPLIFIED CLAIMING PROCESS OF DIESEL REFUNDS FOR FOODSTUFF MANUFACTURERS**

From 27 June 2025, SARS will automate and streamline claims for the Diesel Refund for Foodstuff Manufacturers Scheme (DRFMS). Improvements will include integrating the new rebate item for foodstuff manufacturers into the Customs and Excise Refunds and Drawbacks (CERD) system, which became effective in September 2023.

The updated system will allow foodstuff manufacturers to submit and track their refund applications online. The CERD01 form will be updated to include a drop-down menu for selecting the nearest SARS branch and to accommodate the specific requirements of the rebate item for food manufactures.

Currently, the process to claim refunds is manual, requiring physical submission of the DA66 form at SARS Excise branch offices.

DRFMS was introduced to lessen the impact of loadshedding on food production costs. This refund applies retrospectively from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2025.



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It allows registered users to claim up to 80% of the Road Accident Fund levy on diesel used to manufacture foodstuffs during power outages caused by loadshedding. This refund is distinct from the current Diesel Refund Scheme for primary users, which is processed through VAT returns.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anand Khelawon', positioned above a horizontal line.

**Anand Khelawon**

**Product Owner: Excise**

**THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE**