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Dear Customs client

Extension of ePenalty Pilot

The [ePenalty letter to trade](#) dated 1 April 2022 has reference.

SARS has decided to extend the ePenalty pilot until 31 July 2022 to provide a final opportunity for all reporters to become compliant, as well to provide sufficient time for industry to phase out the use of the “000-Ex courier” and “ZZZ99999” general reporter’s codes in the air modality.

SARS remains committed to working through, and with, stakeholders to improve reporting compliance. During this time, we will continue to engage industry bodies on matters that still negatively affect the matching of customs clearance declarations with their corresponding cargo reports – including erroneous references to transport document numbers by importers and clearing agents on customs clearance declarations; the use of instruments such as Courier Baggage Vouchers (CBVs); and the reporting and clearance of cargo imported by charter.

The imposition of monetary penalties for the non-submission of cargo reports will now commence from **1 August 2022**.

To ensure that correspondence regarding ePenalty is correctly routed and timeously received, reporters are requested to engage with the Durban (sea modality) and ORTIA (air modality) offices, respectively, to confirm their contact details.

For more information about Reporting of Conveyances and Goods (RCG), please click here: <https://www.sars.gov.za/customs-and-excise/about-customs/reporting-of-conveyances-and-goods/>

Sincerely,



BEYERS THERON
**DIRECTOR: CUSTOMS BORDER OPERATIONS, PORTS OF ENTRY
& CUSTOMS COMPLIANCE**