

**PROTOCOL
AMENDING THE
AGREEMENT**

BETWEEN

**THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

AND

**THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA**

REGARDING MUTUAL ASSISTANCE

BETWEEN THEIR CUSTOMS ADMINISTRATIONS,

SIGNED AT MAPUTO ON 21 MARCH 2002

PREAMBLE

The Government of the Republic of South Africa and the Government of the Republic of Zambia desiring to amend the Agreement regarding mutual assistance between their Customs Administrations, signed at Maputo, on 21 March 2002 (hereinafter referred to as “the Agreement”);

HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE I

Paragraph 1 of Article 2 of the Agreement shall be deleted and replaced by the following new paragraph 1 of Article 2:

- “1. The Parties shall, through their customs administrations and in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, afford each other mutual assistance:
- (a) to ensure that their respective customs law is properly observed;
 - (b) to prevent, detect, investigate and combat customs offences;
 - (c) to secure and facilitate trade between them;
 - (d) in cases concerning the delivery of documents regarding the application of customs law.”

ARTICLE II

The following new Article shall be inserted immediately after Article 3 of the Agreement:

“ARTICLE 3A

AUTOMATIC EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The customs administrations may, by mutual arrangement, exchange any information covered by this Agreement on an automatic basis.”

ARTICLE III

The following new Article shall be inserted immediately after the new Article 3A of the Agreement:

“ARTICLE 3B

ADVANCE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

The customs administrations may, by mutual arrangement, exchange specific information in advance of the arrival of consignments in the territory of the other Party.”

ARTICLE IV

Each Party shall notify the other in writing, through the diplomatic channel, of the completion of the constitutional and internal requirements for the entry into force of this Protocol. The Protocol shall enter into force on the date of the later of these notifications.

ARTICLE V

This Protocol, which shall form an integral part of the Agreement, shall remain in force as long as the Agreement remains in force and shall apply as long as the Agreement itself is applicable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the undersigned, being duly authorised thereto by their respective Governments, have signed and sealed this Agreement in two originals in the English language, both texts being equally authentic.

DONE at Pretoria in the Republic of South Africa on this 27th day of May in the year 2021 and at Lusaka in the Republic of Zambia on this 11th day of November in the year 2021.

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE
REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA**

Entry into force date: 27 October 2022