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Dear **Trader/Agent**

**SUBJECT: 13TH DEFERMENT PAYMENT AT THE END OF THE 2025/2026
FINANCIAL YEAR.**

This letter serves as a reminder to all Customs deferment account holders to kindly adhere to the 13th deferment payment requirements, which becomes due by end of the financial year, 31 March 2026.

The Customs External Standard-Deferment document (SC-DT-B-02) effective 29 March 2019 stipulates that, in addition to the twelve (12) regular payment dates chosen by the client, there will be a thirteenth payment in March.

The statement period for the thirteenth payment of this financial year (2025/2026) will close on **30 March 2026 at 00h00** (Midnight). It is the obligation of every account holder to ensure that their reconciliations are done timeously and that **payment is received no later than 15h00 on 31 March 2026.**

E-statements will be available from 04h00 on 31 March 2026 for e-Filing users. Account holders not on e-Filing should arrange with their Customs Branch Office to receive statements via email.

Stakeholders are hereby advised to ensure that payments are initiated well in advance particularly where banks do not process transfers immediately to meet the stipulated deadline and prevent deferment suspension in terms of the policy.

Your cooperation in this regard is highly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Beyers Theron', written over a horizontal line.

BEYERS THERON

**DIRECTOR: CUSTOMS BORDER OPERATIONS, PORTS OF ENTRY,
CUSTOMS AND EXCISE COMPLIANCE**