

## Customs & Excise

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ALL EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

Dear Trader/Agent

### **12<sup>TH</sup> and 13<sup>TH</sup> DEFERMENT PAYMENT AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2019/2020**

This office's letter referenced SC-DT-B-L35 dated 6 February 2020 has reference.

On Monday the 23 March 2020, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced a national lockdown in the light of the escalating numbers of South Africans who have tested positive for COVID19. The announcement means that there will be severe restrictions placed on citizens regarding any movements from home. These movement restrictions will affect businesses, companies and non-essential government services to the point of complete closure for 21 days starting from midnight on Thursday 26 March 2020.

Following the announcement of the national lockdown a teleconference was held with BUSA, SAAFF and other stakeholders on 24 March 2020, to discuss measures that SARS will be implementing to limit any negative impact on trade. In this regard, stakeholders supported the suggestion for changes to be made

regarding the 13<sup>th</sup> deferment payment. The letter referred to above with regard to the **13th deferment payment** for the 2019/20 financial year-end is hereby amended.

The statement period for this financial year (2019/2020) 13<sup>th</sup> deferment payment will now close **today** 25 March 2020 at 17h00 and payment must be made by no later than 15h00 on Friday 27 March 2020. The e-statements will be available after 17h00 today 25 March 2020 for account holders who are on eFiling. Account holders not on eFiling will be emailed their statements by the respective branches. They will also be available for collection at the respective Customs Branches through prior arrangement on the 26 March.

In addition, please note that all deferment statements for the **12<sup>th</sup> payment** due to close after 25 March 2020, as elected by the account holder, will also close today 25 March 2020 and payment should also be made no later than 15h00 on 27 March 2020.

Furthermore, stakeholders are advised, specifically in cases where their bank does not transfer direct payments immediately, that they should ensure that payments are made sufficiently in advance in order to meet the payment deadline as above.

Your cooperation in this regard is highly appreciated.

Sincerely



**BEYERS THERON**  
**HEAD: CUSTOMS BORDER OPERATIONS**  
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