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To: The South African Revenue Service

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RE: PART 1 OF SCHEDULE NO. 1

Dear Colleagues,

Background

We refer to the call for commentary pertaining to amendments to Part 1 of Schedule No. 1 as published by SARS on 18 November 2024.

Commentary

We have reviewed the draft amendment to Schedule 1, Part 1, which includes the deletion and insertion of various tariff subheadings, as well as the addition of Additional Note 1 under Chapter 44 to address technical amendments for statistical purposes, as outlined in the SARS explanation.

We believe that these changes will not have any negative impact. On the contrary, we are of the view that these amendments will provide enhanced clarity regarding the correct classification of the affected products. The introduction of the Additional Notes will facilitate a smoother and more efficient tariff classification process. As a result, traders will be better positioned to classify products more accurately, quickly, and with reduced risk of penalties for incorrect classification.

As such, we find no substantial issues with the proposed amendments.

However, one point of note is the reduction in the duty rate for all imports from AfCFTA, from 6% to 5%. While this change is likely beneficial to importers, it may not have the same impact on local manufacturers.

We thank you for the opportunity to provide this commentary and look forward to engaging you hereon.

Yours sincerely

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