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### Thank You

For those who have attended the CPD Webinars to date. For those who attended the SAIT Tax Indaba 2022. For attending Work Group Meetings. To all promoting SAIT Customs Professional Membership and attending & chairing meetings.

Have you activated "Your SAIT Professional Indemnity"?



#### SARS Statistical Trade Data – July 2022 Overview

EXPORTS	IMPORTS
R177,232,214,855	R152,468,333,452
R24,7	63,881,403
Top 5 countries we exported to:	Top 5 countries we imported from:
1. China (12.3%) 2. United States (8.1%) 3. Germany (7.6%) 4. Japan (6.3%) 5. Mozambique (4.9%)  1. China (19.9%) 2. India (7.8%) 3. Germany (7.3%) 4. United States (6.9%) 5. United Arab Emirates (4.4%)	

<u>Link: Trade Statistics | South African Revenue Service (sars.gov.za)</u>



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#### Administrative Updates

#### SAIT Customs and Excise Technical Work Group

The next Customs Work Group meeting will be held on 26 October 2022.

SARS Information	
20 September 2022	Draft Response Document on the 2022 Draft Rates and Monetary Amounts and Amendment of Revenue Laws Bill and 2022Draft Revenue Laws Amendment Bill. (Based on hearings by the Standing Committee on Finance in Parliament on 13 September 2022)
30 August 2022	See Email from National Treasury



#### **Legislative Updates**

#### **Tariff Amendments**

Sch 1 P1 Amendment. – Insertion of additional Notes 5 & 6 after Note 4 in Chapter 87 of Sec XVII to Part 1 of Sch 1, in order to provide for an incomplete bicycle having the essential character of a complete bicycle of Heading 87.
Government Notice No 1213 published in Government Gazette No 47202: Request for comments from international parties on Import Control Guidelines on the importation of certain metal processing machinery and mechanical appliances, including furnaces, granulators, guillotines, and shredders. Comments were due by 20 Sep.
Government Notice No R2467 published in Government Gazette No 4674: In terms of Sec 57A of the Customs & Excise Act, 91 of 1964, a provisional payment in relation to anti-dumping duty is imposed up to, and including 8 Mar 2023 on sub-heading 4011. New pneumatic tyres imported from China 38,33% provisional payment.
Department of Trade & Industry and Competition Notice No 1277 of 2022: Sunset Review of the anti-dumping duties on polyethylene terephthalate (PET) originating in, or imported from China, Taipei, The Republic of Korea (South Kores), and India: final determination – current duties will be maintained.
Government Notice No R2485 published in Government Gazette No 46193: Sch 2 P1 Imposition of anti-dumping duties on clear float glass classifiable in tariff sub-heading7005.29 originating in, or imported from Malaysia – 25,31%.
Government Notice No R2486 published in Government Gazette No 46193: Amendment to Part 1 of Sch No 4 by the insertion of rebate item 413.01/00.00/02.00, in order to provide a rebate provision for the importation of weapons, weaponry systems, ammunition, and related items, used for testing purposes.



#### Legislative Update Continued

- <u>Draft annual tax amendment bills published for comment (ongoing)</u>
   Refer here for the information on the draft Tax Amendment Bills that were issued for
  - Refer <u>here</u> for the information on the draft Tax Amendment Bills that were issued for public comment on 29 July 2022. The SAIT Customs and Excise Technical Work Group is in the process of compiling comments
- No SARS publications and court decisions were published for the period 8 – 14 September 2022. Last one Shared on Valuation
- International trade

#### **African Continental Free Trade AREA (AfCFTA)**

No SARS notices on the AfCTFA were published for the period 8-14 September 2022.

- Freight Statements Valuation
- Minister Patel drive?
- Forfeiture!!



#### Changes in Operating Times/Strikes/SARS Access etc.

Port / Branch / Office	Reported by SARS	Date and time of event & description
8 September 2022	SARS announced with both trade unions, NEHAWU and PSA, had suspended the strike action to allow further engagement and agreement with SARS. SARS informed stakeholders that the cargo operating hours at all our ports will revert to normal, as they were before the strike action effective 09 September 2022.	refer to the <u>letter to</u>



#### **Changes in Operating Times**

Port / Branch / Office	Reported by SARS	Date and time of event & description
26 August 2022	Presentations from the SARS Customs and Excise National Operations Stakeholders Forum held on 26 August 2022	Access these below:  Air Modality CENOSF Presentation - Aug 2022  BMA Update CENOSF 26 Aug 2022  FLSA Unifying Voice 26 Aug 2022  Land Clusters- 26 Aug 2022  SAAFF South Africa Inc. V0.4  Sea CENOSF Presentation



#### **SARS Information - RLA**

#### SARS RLA on-boarding Roadshow

SARS will be hosting an RLA On-boarding roadshow during September 2022. The details of the roadshows are as follows:

Provinces	Dates	Venues
Gauteng	6 - 9 September 2022	Alberton Campus
Western Cape	12 - 22 September 2022	Cape Town
Eastern Cape	26 -22 September 2022	East London & Gqeberha

For any queries, please contact SARS on email: RLARegistrations@sars.gov.za.



#### **SARS Information**

10 August 2022: SARS updated the <u>DA66 Automation: Frequently Asked Questions</u> on Customs Refunds and Drawbacks.

On 25 August 2022, SAIT made a <u>submission</u> regarding Drawbacks and refunds.

12 September 2022

SARS published a <u>letter to trade</u> announcing a delay in implementing the automated refunds and drawbacks system. The Refunds and Drawback process is being automated as part of the modernisation of Customs and Excise systems to facilitate legitimate trade and travel.

Although previous communication indicated that the system would go live on 19 September 2022, the implementation date has been postponed. The current manual process will remain effective.



#### Government doubles down on new tax rules for South Africa

The National Treasury and South African Revenue Service (SARS) are standing their ground on proposed amendments to tax legislation in South Africa, despite protests from businesses.

Speaking to the parliamentary standing committee on finance this week, the National Treasury and SARS responded to comments by businesses regarding key issues concerning the proposed carbon tax, excise tax, and changes to how tax may apply in the customs and insurance sectors.

Changes to South Africa's tax system are proposed under both the Draft Tax Administration Amendment Bill (TABLAB) as well as the Taxation Laws Amendment Bill (TLAB).

30 August 2022	See Email from National Treasury	



Source: Businesstech: 22 September 2022

# Authorised Economic Operator on the move...





#### Introducing Mr Kayn Woolmer, who will talk to us about:







Learnings and competencies of a customs practitioner

SAIT Webinar 29 September 2022

#### **CONTENT**

1.	Customs compliance is a journey
2.	The World Customs Organisation's Modernisation approach
3.	SARS' approach to customs compliance
4.	Cornerstones of customs compliance
5.	Customs maturity framework



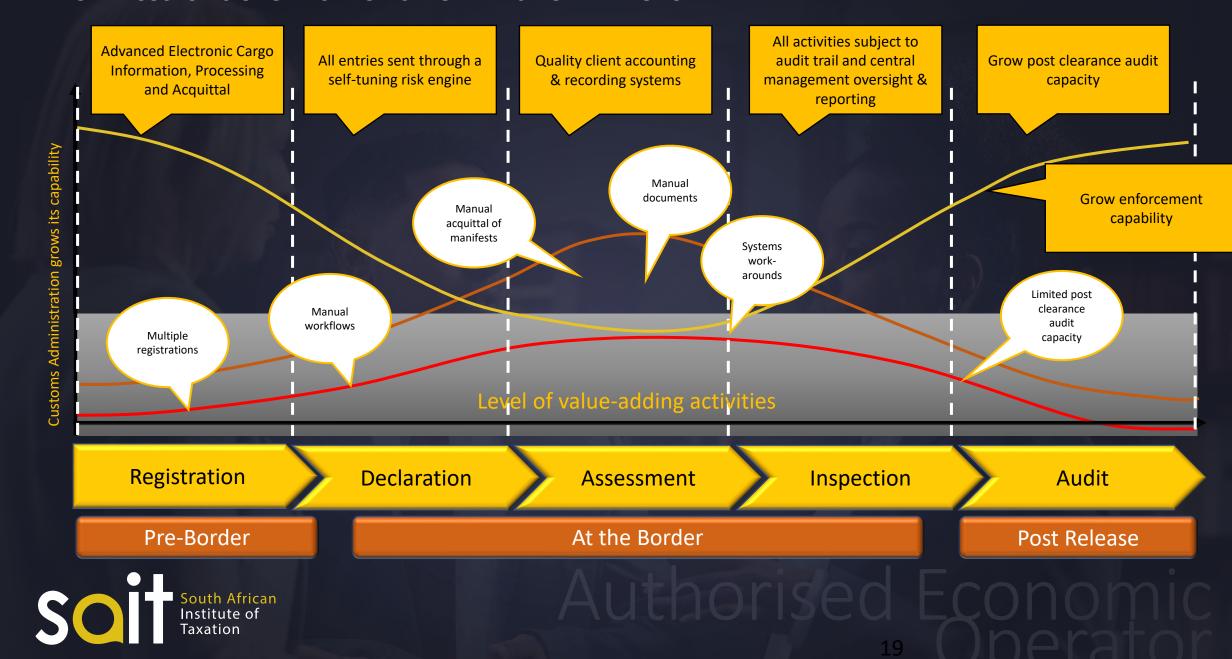
# 3(2x+5y)+-2(4x+6y)=

## Holistic customs compliance is a journey

Assisting clients to navigate the complex and confusing world of activities controlled by the Customs and Excise Act



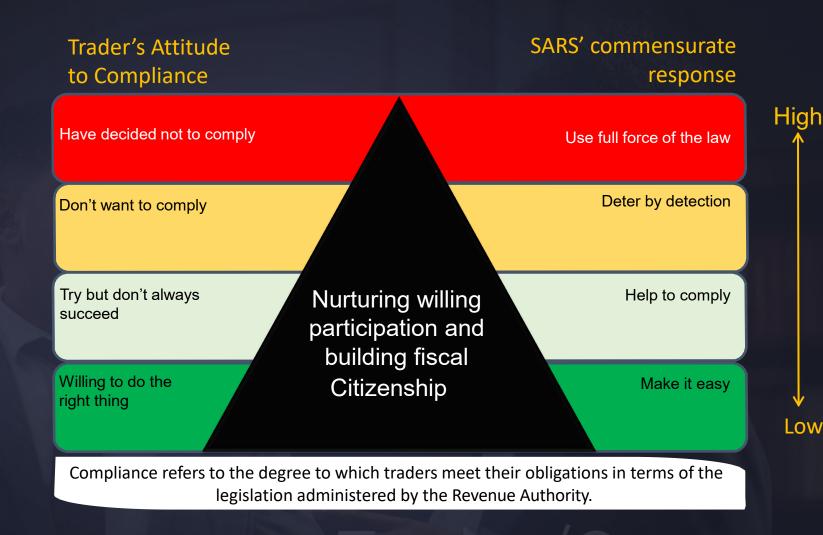
#### THE WORLD CUSTOMS ORGANISATION'S MODERNISAION APPROACH



#### UNDERSTANDING REVENUE AUTHORITIES' APPROACH TO MANAGE COMPLIANCE

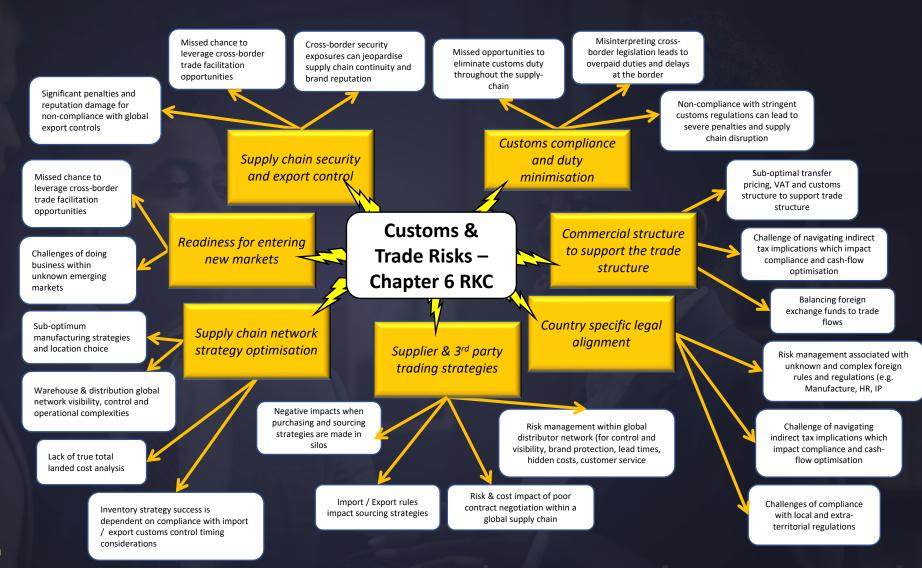
One of the purposes of accreditation is to develop willingly and purposely compliant traders.

Managing financial consequences by avoiding paying the correct tax is **not the solution!** 



evel of compliance effort and costs







In many instances the challenge of assisting our clients is not only a technical one, but also managing the complexities of addressing multiple issues which are co-dependent on each other

Using your experience and in-depth knowledge of the subject matter and the underlying legislation, translate the requirements into practical, pragmatic solutions for your customers.





#### **CORNERSTONES OF CUSTOMS COMPLIANCE**

Analysis and review of surety and guarantee limits

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Registration, licensing and surety management

- Determination of registration, licensing and surety requirements
- Monitoring of registrations and licences

Assess and evaluate supplier relationships

Assess and evaluate supplier costs, charges and expenses

Assess and evaluate supplier or agent's contracts

Valuation and supplier contract management

Information and Records Management

**RLA and Section 100** 

Tariff
Classification
and
determination
of duty liability

- Determine classification of goods in Harmonised System
  - Determine customs or excise duty liability
- Assess and determine non-tariff barriers, duties, levies or controls

Inward, outward and other relief or deferment facilities

- Determination of Relief mechanisms available
- Assess compliance requirements for relief mechanisms
- Manage and monitor use and compliance with relief mechanisms



Value,

 Heavy reliance on 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Service Providers

**Basic** 

Little or no customs compliance strategy

 No international collaboration for customs compliance

Out-dated registrations and insufficient surety

 No in-house tariff classification perspectives. Full reliance on Clearing Agent

• Little or no customs valuation planning or risk management

• Limited or no use of Customs planning mechanisms

• Little or no controls over customs facilities

Basic or no automation

Primarily reactive in nature

 Instructing and managing 3<sup>rd</sup> Party Service Providers

 Up to date registrations and managed surety requirements

**Progressive** 

 Knowledge and monitoring of relevant customs tariff headings relevant to business

 Customs valuation planning and proactive value determinations requested and monitored

 Use and regular audit of customs facilities

 Use of ERP or similar system to manage customs-controlled stock

Clear accountabilities and pro-active I management of customs compliance I

 Good mix of transactional, sitesupport, Centre-Excellence and Business Partner models

Leading

 Fully developed and communicated channel strategy

Maximised synergy

 Maintained and optimised registrations, licences and surety limits.

 High level of tariff knowledge and application for higher risk classification rulings

Aligned product and tariff coding

 Fully aligned customs and transfer pricing customs valuation policies supported through binding valuation rulings

 Good mix of valuation optimisation and compliance

 Optimised use of customs facilities with pro-active management and full audit trail

 Aligned and optimised use of technology for customs facilities

 Clear accountability aligned with commercial and compliance imperatives

Value, Maturity Level





#### **CPD Questions?**

- 1) What is AEO?
- a) Accredited Export Officer
- b) Alternative Executive Order
- c) Authorised Economic Operator
- 2) What does PCA stand for?
- a) Professional Customs Advisor
- b) Post Clearance Audit
- c) Pre-Customs Authority
- 3) Where does customs risk management come from?
- a) The General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
- b) Revised Kyoto Convention
- c) The King Report on Corporate Governance



- 4) What is RLA?
- a) Registration, Licensing and Accreditation
- b) Reporting, Licensing and Accuracy
- c) Rebates, Losses and Airfreight
- 5) Select two focus/maturity areas for customs compliance?
- a) The Harmonized System Customs Tariff Book
- b) Tariff classification
- c) Health Promotion Levy
- d) Customs Valuation
- e) Rebates, Refunds and Drawbacks of Customs and Excise Duties
- f) Ethics
- g) Automation
- h) Compliance Strategy

# Thank you