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Dear Customs and Excise client

IMPLEMENTATION DATE FOR AMENDED RULES FOR REGISTRATION AND LICENSING AND THE NEW REGISTRATION, LICENSING AND ACCREDITATION (RLA) SYSTEM

The amended rules of registration and licensing under sections 8, 59A and 60 of the Customs and Excise Act, 1964, as well as the electronic system providing for such changes, will be implemented as from 20 April 2020.

The RLA system is being developed in phases, and implementation of Release 1 of the system will comprise a roll-out on eFiling as well as at Customs offices, where Branch Front End (BFE) capturing of applications by officers will take place.

The RLA system is an electronic platform for the submission of new registration and licensing applications. Release 1, which will be rolled out on 20 April, caters for electronic submission of the following applications:

Registration	Licensing
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Submitting reporting documents for purposes of the rules under section 8• Importing or exporting goods• Exporting goods for purposes of preferential tariff treatment in terms of international trade agreements or non-reciprocal generalised systems of preference• Representing importers, exporters removers in bond or searchers for or of wreck that are not located in the Republic as registered agents	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Acting as a clearing agent• Operating as a remover in bond

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Representing “carriers” for purposes of the rules under section 8 that are not located in the Republic, as registered agents for purposes of submitting reporting documents | |
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Applications not yet catered for electronically must still be submitted in paper format at a Customs and Excise office. Please take note that none of the Excise applications are catered for electronically yet.

Clients wishing to submit applications on the new system are encouraged to register for eFiling in the meantime (if not already registered).

There are many benefits to using eFiling, including time and cost savings, convenience, security and minimising duplication of information and documentation submitted. Here is a handy guide: [How to register for eFiling](#), if you are not already registered on eFiling.

For more information on RLA, click here: [RLA](#)

We will send more updates on the system implementation closer to the go-live date.

Sincerely



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