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Dear Customs client

UPDATE ON CUSTOMS SUFFICIENT KNOWLEDGE TEST (CSK)

An important decision was taken this week in relation to the Customs Sufficient Knowledge (CSK) programme. Customs introduced the CSK programme for various Reporting of Conveyances and Goods (RCG) client types on 11 May 2018. The CSK is a Customs Control Act (CCA) requirement for certain client types for registration and/or licensing purposes.

As the CCA has not yet been operationalised, clients were informed that the test was not mandatory and that they were encouraged to take part in the process in order to familiarise themselves with the new legislation.

However, this week Customs leadership decided to place the CSK programme on hold until such time as the CCA goes live. Running a test of this nature is logistically challenging, with a number of SARS resources and facilities having to be used around the country. However, since the test opened in May, only a handful of clients have been registering to write it, due to the fact that it is not yet mandatory. It therefore does not make business sense to continue running it until such time as the CCA goes live.

In the meantime, we would like to thank all clients who took the time to write the test over the past couple of months. We trust that you will be able to use your learning about the new Act to benefit you in the future. As SARS, we have certainly learnt a lot through the process and hope to use this to improve the way we run CSK when it goes live in the future.

If you have any further questions, please mail us on NewCustomsActs@sars.gov.za.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Beyers Theron', is written over a light blue circular stamp.

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