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Ministry of Finance

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PILOT PHASE OF THE UNIQUE CONSIGNMENT REFERENCE (UCR) WITHIN THE CUSTOMS CLEARANCE OPERATIONS FOR BOTH IMPORT AND EXPORT IN THE ASYCUDAWorld SYSTEM ON THE 03<sup>RD</sup> OF MARCH 2021**

The Ministry of Finance, Customs & Excise Directorate wishes to inform all Exporters, Importers, Customs Clearing Agents & Freight Forwarders and the general public that the implementation of the Pilot phase of the Unique Consignment Reference (UCR) usage within the Namibia Customs Clearance Operations for both import and export in the ASYCUDAWorld System will start on the 03<sup>rd</sup> of March 2021.

The UCR is a reference number used in tracking the movement of goods between the supplier (consignor) and the customer (consignee). The World Customs Organisation (WCO) recommended the UCR to be used by international trade players including Customs Administrations in tracking the movement of goods from the consignor to the consignee.

The UCR would be used to link declarations between two or more countries. The Ministry of Finance: Directorate of Customs & Excise in conjunction with Southern African Customs Union (SACU) will be implementing the usage of UCR for the consignments between Namibia Customs and Excise (NCE) and South African Revenue Services (SARS) for a Pilot start as from the 03<sup>rd</sup> of March 2021.

**The key benefits of the UCR include:**

- Contributes to trade security and facilitation in the framework of the international supply chain.
- Facilitate the implementation of the Information Technology Utility Business (IT UB) “Your Export is My Entry” (YEME) process.
- Ensure traceability of consignments and facilitate trade data reconciliation.
- Assist in alignment with WCO Data Model and aid in the consignment pre-clearance process.

All stakeholders are therefore invited to insert the Import UCR in **block 9 “Financial”** of SAD500 for all consignments imported from the Republic of South Africa.

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