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SARS to cancel customs related registrations and licences

On 20 September 2023 hundreds of businesses operating in the Customs environment received a letter from SARS notifying them of SARS' intention to cancel their customs related registration and/or licences. These include importer/exporter code registrations which allow them to import and export goods.

This action taken by SARS is the result of businesses' failure to comply with a directive issued by SARS in August 2022 instructing customs registrants and licensees to "migrate" or "onboard" their particulars onto the e-filing platform. This formed part of SARS' modernisation of the Registration, Licensing and Accreditation (RLA) function. SARS initially set a deadline for compliance with its directive at 30 March 2023, but have only now taken formal action.

Although some importers have found the onboarding process fairly easy, many others have struggled with technical issues, and in some instances manual information has to be prepared and submitted to SARS offices.

Any taxpayers who require assistance are welcome to contact any of the members of KPMG's Trade and Customs team.

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