

TradeSmart

Indirect Tax | Global Trade Advisory

Navigation Bar

[TradeSmart
Highlights](#)

[Tariff
Amendments](#)

[Deloitte
Contacts](#)

Highlights

Issue 02/2020

This edition of TradeSmart highlights:

- UK Exit from Brexit and new SACUM-UK Economic Partnership Agreement

[Subscribe](#)

[Unsubscribe](#)

UK Exit from Brexit and new SACUM-UK Economic Partnership Agreement

On 31 January 2020, the United Kingdom (UK) left the European Union (EU). However, in terms of the Withdrawal Agreement, the UK has until the 31 December 2020 to leave the EU customs union and single market (transitional period). During this transitional period, the UK will remain bound to the EU rules and will not be able to conclude any new trade agreements on its own. The UK has however begun negotiating trade agreements with a number of trading partners, including South Africa. These trade agreements will come into effect on 01 January 2021.

South Africa and the UK are signatories to the Southern African Development Community (SADC) and the European Union (EU) Economic Partnership Agreement (EPA). The SADC-EU EPA will cease to apply to SADC member states and the UK after 31 December 2020. In order, to ensure the continuity of the existing benefits of the SADC-EU EPA, the UK has negotiated with the SADC member states to the SADC-EU EPA.

The SADC member states to the SADC-EU EPA are South Africa, Lesotho, Eswatini, Namibia, Botswana and Mozambique (M). With exception of Mozambique, the other five member states all belong to the Southern African Customs Union (SACU). SACU+M equals to SACUM. The SACUM have entered into an EPA with the UK. Effective 01 January 2021, the SACUM-UK EPA agreement will replace the SADC-EU EPA only as far as it applies between SACUM and the UK. The SADC-EU EPA will remain in place for the rest of the EU members (excluding the UK).

In view of the aforementioned, South African and non-local registered exporters under the SADC-EU EPA with the South African Revenue Services (SARS) can expect to be required to register as approved exporters and/or exporters under the new SACUM-UK-EPA. Any origin rulings or determinations obtained by registered producers in particular and/or exporters in general under the SADC-EU EPA may need to be reapplied for under the new EPA. SARS will have to amend the Rules to the Customs and Excise Act 91 of 1964 according.

Should you require assistance with the aforementioned information, kindly reach out to any one of the Deloitte Africa Tax & Legal contacts.

Deloitte Contacts Johannesburg

Wian de Bruyn

wdebruyn@deloitte.co.za

+27(0)12 482 0356

Larissa Felstead

lfelsteaddeloitte.co.za

+27(0)11 806 5178

Gugu Mnisi

gmnisi@deloitte.co.za

+27(0)11 209 8003

Zwelibanzi Makhubo

zmakhubo@deloitte.co.za

+27(0)11 806 6076

Chantelle De Villiers

chdevilliers@deloitte.co.za

+27(0)11 209 8692

KZN:

Peter Maxwell

pmaxwell@deloitte.co.za

+27(0)31 560 7067

Ronnie van Rooyen

rvanrooyen@deloitte.co.za

+27(0)31 560 7418

Cape Town:

Riaan Smit

riasmit@deloitte.co.za

+27(0)21 427 5506

Sue-Marie Ferreira

suferreira@deloitte.co.za

+27(0)84 897 7299

Petrus Marais

pmarais@deloitte.co.za

+27(0)21 209 6428

Download [tax@hand](#) app for up-to-date tax information from across the world

To learn more about tax@hand app [click here](#) or simply download the app free, available on your Google Play Store or Apple App Store

Deloitte refers to one or more of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited ("DTTL"), its global network of member firms, and their related entities (collectively, the "Deloitte organization"). DTTL (also referred to as "Deloitte Global") and each of its member firms and related entities are legally separate and independent entities, which cannot obligate or bind each other in respect of third parties. DTTL and each DTTL member firm and related entity is liable only for its own acts and omissions, and not those of each other. DTTL does not provide services to clients. Please see www.deloitte.com/about to learn more.

Deloitte is a leading global provider of audit and assurance, consulting, financial advisory, risk advisory, tax and related services. Our global network of member firms and related entities in more than 150 countries and territories (collectively, the "Deloitte organization") serves four out of five Fortune Global 500® companies. Learn how Deloitte's approximately 312,000 people make an impact that matters at www.deloitte.com.

This communication contains general information only, and none of Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited ("DTTL"), its global network of member firms or their

related entities (collectively, the "Deloitte organization") is, by means of this communication, rendering professional advice or services. Before making any decision or taking any action that may affect your finances or your business, you should consult a qualified professional adviser.

No representations, warranties or undertakings (express or implied) are given as to the accuracy or completeness of the information in this communication, and none of DTTL, its member firms, related entities, employees or agents shall be liable or responsible for any loss or damage whatsoever arising directly or indirectly in connection with any person relying on this communication. DTTL and each of its member firms, and their related entities, are legally separate and independent entities.

© 2020. For information, contact Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu Limited.

To no longer receive emails about this topic please send a return email to the sender with the word "Unsubscribe" in the subject line.