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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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PRE-CLEARANCE PROCEDURES AT TRANS-KALAHARI, OSHIKANGO, KATIMA MULILO, ARIAMSVLEI AND NOORDOEWER BORDER POSTS

Article 7.1 of the World Trade Organisation (WTO) Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA) requires Members to adopt or maintain procedures allowing for the submission of import documentation and other required information, including manifest, to begin processing prior to the arrival of goods with a view to expediting the release of goods upon arrival. This provision must be viewed together with Standard 3.25 of the World Customs Organisation's (WCO's) International Convention on the Simplification and Harmonization of Customs Procedures which provides that Customs administrations shall allow the lodging and registering of goods declarations and supporting documents prior to the arrival of goods.

As members of both the WTO and the WCO, Namibia, through the Namibia Revenue Agency (NamRA), provides for the pre-clearance of goods at all Customs and Excise points of entry/exit across the country. This implies that importers and exporters or clearing agents are permitted to register the Single Administrative Document (SAD) 500 on the Asycuda World System. The SAD 500 and supporting documents are also submitted in hard copies to allow Customs and Excise to determine the quantity, origin, value and classification of the goods and to decide on whether the goods and/or documents need to be examined upon arrival. If not, goods are released upon arrival where no risk is detected following the payment of

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the applicable duties and taxes, where applicable. Where risk is detected, the goods and/or documents would then be subjected to documentary check or physical examination amongst others.

Following the recent consultations with key stakeholders, over the congestion and delays experienced at the main border posts, NamRA has noted that declarations and supporting documents are only presented when the goods arrive at the border. NamRA therefore calls on stakeholders to use the pre-clearance process outlined above by presenting the necessary declarations and supporting documents prior to the arrival of goods to facilitate the expedient release of goods at the Trans-Kalahari, Oshikango, Katima Mulilo, Ariamsvlei and Noordoewer Border Posts, to enable Customs and Excise Officials to scrutinise documents timeously and to only select high-risk goods for further examination and/or inspections.

This initiative is particularly significant to Namibia, because these key borders are important points of entries and exit along the development corridors and links the country's multimodal transport corridors to regional landlocked countries which plays a vital role in boosting intra-Africa trade.

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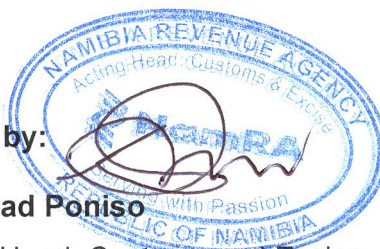
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