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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MANDATORY UNIQUE CONSIGNMENT REFERENCE EFFECTIVE 5 DECEMBER 2022

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

The Namibia Revenue Agency (NamRA) hereby informs all Exporters, Importers, Customs Clearing Agents & Freight Forwarders, and the general public that the usage of Mandatory UCR within the Namibia Customs Clearance Operations for both import and export in the ASYCUDA World System will commence on 5 December 2022.

Therefore, NamRA will implement Mandatory UCR for the consignments between NamRA and South African Revenue Services.

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 (Commercial and Non-Commercial) are invited to insert the Import UCR number in **block 9 “Financial”** of SAD500 for all consignments imported from the Republic of South Africa.

In preparation of the launching of the Mandatory UCR, a virtual UCR awareness session has been prepared to take place as per the table below.

Stakeholders	Date	Morning
Customs Clearing Agents	21/11/2022	09h00 – 12h45
Customs Clearing Agents	22/11/2022	09h00 – 12h45
Customs Clearing Agents	23/11/2022	09h00 – 12h45

Details about the virtual UCR Awareness session will follow in due course. For any inquiries please contact; UCR Project Coordinator: Mr. Erastus Shipuleni, Tel No: +264 61 209 2285 / Mobile No: +264 811485855, Email: Erastus.Shipuleni@namra.org.na , and Ester Shangadi Tel + 264 61 2092287 ester.shangadi@namra.org.na

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