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New Customs Legislation

Safcor Panalpina specialists are studying the draft Customs Control and Customs Duty bills on which public comment is required by 26th February. The drafts are part of customs' modernization drive . Safcor Panalpina will be submitting comments directly to the authorities and also as part of the industry representative body, SAAFF.

The proposed changes will alter a lot of the terminology used in the customs process, reduce some time frames and be more onerous on those who fail to clear cargo promptly or correctly. The actual processes and customs requirements would appear to remain largely unchanged.

Because the draft legislation is not in its final form, it is too early to attempt to gauge what changes will have to be made by clients in order to comply with the law. Many sections in the draft bills have been left blank pending receipt of comments from interested parties. The proposed rules in terms of these bills which will give practical effect to the law have also not yet been published

Client information and briefing sessions will be arranged when some clarity on the actual impact on them of the proposed legislation emerges. Clients will also be kept up to date by further Communiqués.

The draft bills may be viewed at <http://www.sars.gov.za/home.asp?pid=52836>

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