

Safcor Panalpina's bulletin to our valued partners

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Penalties for Non-Compliant Manifest Declarations from 1 July 2011

The Commissioner of Customs, Oupa Magashula, has warned that cargo reporters (Forwarders, Shipping Lines, Airlines, Depots) who are not compliant with his department's EDI requirements for submitting incoming manifests on 1st July will be penalised by R1000.00 for each paper-based manifest declaration submitted to SARS. Cargo reporters have had almost two years' leeway to comply with this requirement.

Safcor Panalpina is fully compliant with all SARS requirements in respect of its own Cargo Reports.

We may have difficulty or delays from 1st July in clearing consignments that have been brought into the country by non-compliant parties for our clients. Substantial storage charges could arise. Safcor Panalpina can not accept liability for any storage or other charges that may accrue under these circumstances and clients will have to seek redress for these from the offending party or parties who failed meet SARS' requirements. Cargo Reporters are also not permitted to pass administrative penalties imposed on them for their own non-compliance onto the cargo owners.

For any further clarification please speak to your Safcor Panalpina Client Services Representative.

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