



South African Revenue Service

Dear Stakeholder

TRADE TESTING DATES AND SOFTWARE IMPLEMENTATION: TAX DIRECTIVES

SARS will introduce enhancements to the Tax Directives process as indicated in the IBIR-006 Tax Directives Interface Specification Version 6.503. **Trade testing is planned to start on Wednesday, 16 August 2023** to prepare for the implementation of the software during the second quarter of this financial year. If the dates need to change, SARS will communicate accordingly.

The Tax Directives Interface Specification is available on the SARS website www.sars.gov.za and you are encouraged to review it prior to testing.

Please follow these steps to submit test files:

Step 1: Before testing can commence, you will need to email 10 taxpayer reference numbers to ncts@sars.gov.za to ensure the numbers are active. In the email subject line, use **“Tax reference numbers for Trade Testing”**. **A maximum of 10 taxpayer reference numbers will be allowed.**

Step 2: You will be notified via the same email address to confirm when testing may commence.

For trade testing queries please email ncts@sars.gov.za

Sincerely

THE SOUTH AFRICAN REVENUE SERVICE

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