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Proof of Payment on goods Purchased from South Africa

Lesotho Revenue Authority (LRA) wishes to remind all border users of the requirement by South African Revenue Services (SARS) to attach Proof of Payment made by the Lesotho importer (s) to the South African suppliers on indirect supplies i.e. goods for which VAT was paid to the supplier in South Africa and the importer is taking the responsibility to ferry such goods out of South Africa. This requirement is enforced as a control measure following the amendment of the SARS Export Regulations which impacts on indirect imports by Lesotho importers. Further clarity on the matter may be directed to Customs border Manager (s) at the nearest border post or call 52215111 between 06:00am – 22:00pm.

Requirements of the Proof of Payment on invoices worth M10,000.00 on goods bought from the Republic of South Africa.

As previously communicated; in addition to the current conditions of a valid tax invoice, Proof of Payment is also a requirement. The proof of payment can be in the forms of:

1. Copy of an Electronic Funds Transfer (*EFT*) made by the Lesotho importer to the South African Supplier.
2. Point of Sale (*POS*) slip for the Debit/Credit card used for effecting payment; (*This has to be accompanied by the copy of the card used*)
3. Copy of a Travellers Declaration (TC - 01) Form filled at SARS where method of payment was cash. (*This means travellers are obliged to declare cash carried out of Lesotho to South Africa in order to pay import VAT through a tax invoice*)¹.
4. Copy of the cash withdrawal slip where cash was withdrawn from the South African bank. (*The bank account holder should be the qualifying purchaser*)²
5. Importers on credit terms with S.A. suppliers have to comply with paying import VAT upon importation; they may pay through their deferment accounts or use cash.

N.B. 1. A Travellers Declaration (TC – 01) is available at all SARS offices at the border posts.

2. These are the non-residents of S.A. or S.A. passport holders registered for tax or business in Lesotho.