KPMG

International Trade, Customs and Excise

Factsheet



In a world full of turmoil and supply chain uncertainty, wars, trade wars, oil wars and grain wars, the international trade environment is getting increasingly complex and difficult to navigate. Businesses with many years of experience in the world of cross border trade are facing unusual and unprecedented risks that need to be managed. Increased competition dictates that more efficient supply chains and logistics practices need to be developed and maintained. At the same time, the tax and regulatory environment governing cross border transactions is evolving rapidly, with automation and data management a keen focus area for tax authorities in both developed and developing countries. All this in a time when customs formalities and import regulations are keenly policed and enforced, with the threat of severe penalties should mistakes occur.

Brief Service Description

Now more than ever it is essential for clients to increase scrutiny of their customs and excise exposure to ensure that their trade strategies remain competitive.

Taking advantage of complex local and international laws and trade agreements governing cross border trade & customs activities might also be the key driver to ensure an advantage in cross border trade today. KPMG' Trade & Customs Practice is specifically structured to assist companies in addressing the complexities of international trade in South Africa and Africa.



Value Proposition

We are a dedicated team specialising in trade, customs and excise related matters, by:

- **Leveraging** of KPMG's extensive Trade & Customs experience and network of over 900 professionals in 60 countries.
- **Understanding** the challenges faced in specialised industries and sectors.
- Developing **business solutions** that makes sense, are fit for purpose and remain relevant.
- Relying on diverse and **multi-skilled team** of lawyers and technical specialists to provide practical, holistic solutions.
- Maintaining high levels of technical and professional **excellence** that delivers value.

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What we offer

We work with clients to deliver value and efficiency for their business, including:

- Leveraging KPMG's extensive Trade & Customs experience and network of over 900 professionals in 60 countries.
- Understanding the challenges faced in specialised industries and sectors.
- Developing business solutions that make sense, are fit for purpose and remain relevant in a rapidly evolving regulatory environment.
- Relying on a diverse and multi-skilled team of lawyers, tax specialists and industry professionals to provide practical, holistic solutions.
- Maintaining high levels of technical and professional excellence that deliver value and withstand SARS scrutiny.

Specific Service Offerings

- Strategic trade, customs and excise planning
- Assisting with international trade accreditation and Authorised Economic Operator certification
- Ensuring compliance following commercial events such as transfer pricing adjustments, royalty payments etc
- Dispute resolution and litigation support
- Utilisation of preferential trade agreements
- Managing compliance reviews, applications and management programs
- Customs and excise compliance and governance
- Excise, environmental and other trade-related indirect taxes
- eFiling management of customs responsibilities
- Tariff classification, origin and valuation
- Evaluating customs and excise tax positions and exposure
- Managing risks related to excise taxation and environmental levies
- Streamlining excise tax-related administrative processes
- Facilitating SARS audits and legal support
- Due diligence services
- Data, technology and transformation
- Import and export controls
- Trade remedies, rebate applications and trade related governance requirements
- Training requirements and technical skills development

Who we work with:

- Import-dependent manufacturers and retailers seeking to optimise landed costs and supply chain efficiency.
- Excise-regulated industries facing intensive regulatory oversight.
- High-growth exporters operating across SACU, SADC and AfCFTA corridors and seeking to leverage trade preferences.
- Multinational groups requiring coordinated customs and excise approaches across multiple African jurisdictions

Contact us or request our team to perform a trade data analysis and we will invest 60-minutes with you to discuss our observations and risk assessment.



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