

NOTIFICATION OF NON-TARIFF BARRIERS WITHIN THE SADC REGION

SADC Ministers of Trade and Industry have embarked on a campaign to reduce non-tariff barriers to trade (NTBs) in the region. In order to achieve this, traders in the member states are urged to report such NTBs to the SADC Secretariat.

In South Africa, traders in both the public and private sectors who experience NTBs within the SADC need to complete the attached notification form. Depending on which sector one belongs, the form needs to be forwarded to either the public sector focal point (the dti), or the private sector focal point, Business Unity South Africa (BUSA). From there, the reports will be forwarded to the SADC national focal point, who will notify the country putting the barrier. The two countries will then engage in bilateral consultations that should lead to the removal of the barrier.

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Traders are requested to contact the relevant focal points for more information on this process.

ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENT FOR NOTIFICATION OF NTBs

FORM FOR REPORTING NTBS AND OTHER BARRIERS TO TRADE IN SADC	
To: SADC NTB National Focal Point Country	
Company Details	Name
	Address Telephone No. Fax No E-mail: Contact Person:
Product Name:	Tariff Code: Value:
Description of the Non-Tariff Barrier:	
Station of Occurrence:	Date of Occurrence:
Signed: Date:	

- i) This template is to be used in reporting NTBs whenever an economic operator/trader faces a NTB.
- ii) Notification first sent to country where the NTB was encountered through the national focal point and copied to the Secretariat. Such bilateral consultations to be done through respective Government structures.
- iii) Notification to be submitted to Secretariat if no response is received within 2 weeks.
- iv) Secretariat to follow up with country where NTB encountered.
- v) If no resolution Secretariat to submit to Sub-Committee on Trade Facilitation and if no resolution then to Senior Officials and Ministers as per the institutional structure provided earlier above.