Customs Modernisation
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CUSTOMS CLEARANCE STATUS RESPONSE CODES

CODE	DESCRIPTION	PURPOSE	IMPORT	EXPORT
1	Release	To release goods approved by Customs.	X	X
2	Physical inspection	To notify declarants of a— • Physical unpack inspection, • Detention for Customs, • A non-intrusive inspection (X-Ray scan), or • Request to investigate.	X	X
3	Conditional Release	To facilitate release of goods against payment of a surety, pending submission of additional information for finalisation of a case.	X	X
4	Detain for OGA	To facilitate release from customs control, but notify the declarant that the goods in question are still subject to intervention from a designated government agency.	X	X
5	Conditional Release—Detain for OGA	To facilitate release of goods against payment of a surety, pending intervention from a designated OGA.	X	X
6	Reject Declaration	To notify declarants that one or more fields of a declaration are - • Invalid or incorrect, • Duty/tax incorrectly calculated, • A required document is missing.	X	X
7	Ready for Cash Payment	To notify declarant that a declaration is awaiting a cash payment.	X	
8	(i) Proceed to Border ; (ii) Received and updated on the Customs system	(i) To notify a SACU declarant that the declared consignment can be transported to the border. (ii) To notify a declarant that a SARS requested amendment (VOC) has been received and is being processed / updated on the Customs' system.	X	X
9	Already on system	To notify the declarant that a declaration has already been lodged on the Customs' system.	X	X
13	Query—Supporting Documents required.	To notify the declarant that the declaration has been automatically selected by the Customs risk engine and standard clearance supporting documents must be submitted.	X	X
23	Cancelling CUSRES	To notify a **Release Authority** (Depot, Transit Shed, Cargo Reporter) that a previous status has been cancelled.	X	X
24	Amending CUSRES	To notify a **Release Authority** (Depot, Transit Shed, Cargo Reporter) that a previous cancelled status has been amended with a new status.	X	X
25	Release revoked	Not currently in operation		X
26	Request adjustment to declaration	To notify a declarant—subsequent to an inspection—that an amendment (VOC) is required to the original clearance.	X	X
27	Accept Amendment	To notify the declarant that an amendment declaration (VOC) has been processed and accepted on the Customs system. [This is not a release message]. (If goods are still under Customs control, a Release status "1" will be automatically sent to the declarant and Release Authority.)	X	X
28	Accept Cancellation	To notify the declarant that a cancellation declaration (VOC) has been processed and accepted on the Customs system. [This is not a release message]. (If goods are still under Customs control, a Release status "1" will be automatically sent to the declarant and Release Authority.)	X	X
29	Accept Substitution	To notify the declarant that a substitution declaration (VOC) has been processed and accepted on the Customs system. [This is not a release message]. (If goods are still under Customs control, a Release status "1" will be automatically sent to the declarant and Release Authority.)	X	X
30	Insufficient Funds	Not currently in operation.		
31	Request additional supporting documents	To notify the declarant that further specific information, trade documentation, product related literature, or proof is required.	X	X
32	Seizure	To notify declarant and Release Authority of the seizure of goods.	X	X
33	Supporting documents received	To notify the declarant that documents filed under E@syScan have been received by Customs are being processed.	X	X
34	Case Closed	To notify the declarant that a case is now closed.	X	X
35	Reminder for outstanding documents	To notify the declarant that originally requested documents have not yet been received by Customs.	X	X
36	Booking confirmation	To notify declarant of confirmation of booking for a physical inspection.	X	X

Permissible Customs Procedure Codes for clearance of SACU goods -

The following scenarios depict the sequence of customs status notifications for SACU declared consignments under various conditions -

SACU CPCs	DESCRIPTION
A12-00 [IM4]	Home Use' and payment of VAT, on goods received from the BLNS states.
B22-00 [IM8]	International Transit of goods 'removed in transit' through the Republic.
D37-00 [IM5]	Temporary Admission' of goods imported from the BLNS and for subsequent re-exportation from the Republic.
D38-37 [EX3]	Outright Export of goods originally imported from the BLNS under the 'Temporary Admission' procedure.
H61-00 [EX1]	Outright export of free circulation goods to the BLNS.
H66-12 [EX3]	Clearance for re-export of goods that were originally permanently imported from a BLNS country, and which are being permanently returned, for whatever reason, (e.g. goods oversupplied, incorrectly supplied, damaged, etc).
I76-00 [EX2]	Temporary export to the to the BLNS for re-importation as unaltered goods for home use.
I78-76 [IM6]	Re-importation for 'Home Use', after 'Temporary Exportation' for re-importation of goods in the same state, from the BLNS.

Note: All goods in 'free circulation' for SACU clearance purposes (as per above), i.e. local RSA goods and imported goods on which duties and taxes have been paid, may be consolidated on a single declaration until further notice.

SACU CLEARANCE SCENARIOS	STATUS CODE
1 Entry submitted	
> Proceed to border	> 8
>> Trader Initiated VOC	>> **Nil***Trader Initiated VOC will not receive a Status 8 until the entry has been finalised
>>> Flagged for inspection	>>> 13
>>>> Supporting docs submitted	>>>> 33
>>>>> Released	>>>>> 8, 1
>>>>>> Amendment (VOC) accepted	>>>>>> 27
>>>>>>> Case Closed	>>>>>>> 34
2 Entry submitted	
> Proceed to border	> 8
>> Released	>> 1
>>> Trader Initiated VOC submitted	>>> 8
>>>> Amendment (VOC) accepted	>>>>>27
3 Entry submitted	
> Proceed to border	> 8
>> Released	>> 1
>>> Trader Initiated VOC	>>> 8
>>>> Flagged for inspection	>>>> 13
>>>>> Supporting docs submitted	>>>>> 33
>>>>>> VOC accepted	>>>>>> 27
>>>>>>> Case Closed	>>>>>>> 34

With the implementation of Customs' new inspection and case management workflow system (Service Manager) under Release 2 of the Customs Modernisation Programme, new status codes were introduced to provide increased visibility of declarations. Every inbound electronic submission (CUSDEC) by a trader to Customs will result in one or more status response (CUSRES) message. Why status response messages? For one, increased mechanisation means less physical contact or interaction with Customs. Status messages therefore help to provide declarants with up-to-date information on the processing of their transactions. They also assist the trader in pre-empting the next step so as to expedite the process.

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