

MEDIA STATEMENT

UPDATE ON THE STAKEHOLDER WORKSHOPS ON EXPORT TAXES ON SCRAP METALS; AND TAXATION AND REGULATION OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES

National Treasury issued media statements in March inviting stakeholders to workshops on the proposal to introduce Export Taxes on Scrap Metals, and the Taxation and Regulation of Electronic Cigarettes, respectively. The workshops were scheduled to take place on Wednesday 25 March 2020 at the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), Midrand.

Given President Cyril Ramaphosa's declaration of a national state of disaster on 15 March 2020 due to the COVID-19 (corona-virus) pandemic, gatherings of more than 100 people are prohibited. It is also advisable not to proceed with smaller gatherings unless they are essential during this period. Therefore, the public gathering at DBSA in the form of a workshop will no longer go ahead as initially planned.

National Treasury is exploring alternative electronic ways of interacting with stakeholders. These initial workshops were aimed at providing more information to those wanting to submit comments, and should not delay the deadline for submitting comments. Further information regarding the nature and date of consultations will be communicated to all the stakeholders in due course.

Stakeholders are encouraged to continue sending written comments on the proposal on export taxes on scrap metals to 2020AnnexCProp@treasury.gov.za by close of business on 9 APRIL 2020.

Interested parties for either of the two topics should also register their names with Janice.Stoddart@treasury.gov.za, to ensure that they are alerted on any future communication.

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