



Kindly note that SARS has re-scheduled the implementation of the **SACU Unique Consignment Reference (UCR)** Number Format change to **17th August 2018**.

This will be mandatory for:

- **Export Declarations** for all destinations
- **Import Declarations** from **Swaziland**
- **Transit Declarations** to / from **Swaziland**

The format of the UCR number will be as follows:

Customs Technical Work Session
Wednesday, 20 June 2018

Agenda Item 1

Unique Consignment Reference (UCR)

Introducing the SACU Unique Consignment Reference
to be applied to all export and import declarations

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{Year}	{Country Code}	{Entity Code}	{Entity Type}	{Reference Type}	{Reference Number}	{Scope}
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{Year}	last character of the year over a 10 year period [1 character]
{Country Code}	Nationality of the supplier/consignor - Country ISO code (alpha-2 code)[2 characters]
{Entity Code}	Entity code of the supplier/consignor [8-13 characters]
{Entity Type}	Type of Entity code of the supplier/consignor [1 character]
{Reference Type}	Reference Type of the consignment [3 characters]
{Reference Number}	Unique reference for the consignment [14-19 characters]
{Scope}	Usage [1 character]

- **C** = Customs Code
- **T** = Tax Code [TIN]
- **I** = Company Registration number
- **P** = ID number / Passport number

- **INV** = Invoice
- **PON** = Purchase Order
- **CON** = Contract
- **DEL** = Delivery
- **OTH** = Other
- **INF** = Informal
- **CUS** = Customs generated
- **DCL** = Declarant generated

- **S** = Single Use
- **M** = Multiple Use

UCR is imperative to enable matching of the import declaration with 'exchanged' export data.