

Dear Client

We realise you may have received notification or seen articles around the fact that SARS is clamping down on bringing electronics back into the country.

It's been reported that "According to the law outlined in the SARS handbook, travellers need to register their electronic equipment before departing the country if they want to bring it back in, with a DA65 form stamped and signed by SARS. It applies to all electronics, including mobile phones, laptops, tablets, cameras and even watches."

However, there are conflicting reports on whether you do or don't require the DA65 form and if it's even in commission as some reports say this form is only applicable for freight.

What does this mean for you as a frequent business traveller?

Before embarking on your travels from OR Tambo with any electronic device, we advise that you visit the SARS Airport Customs desk at the airport before departure. According to the SARS website, they will then give you the applicable form to declare and register your valuables.

Penalties for not declaring your electronics vary from R1 500 to R5 000, excluding VAT and import duties, which means that the total could shoot up to over R20 000 according to various reports.

We are awaiting an official statement from SARS and will update you once we gain further clarity around this matter.

Kind Regards

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