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1. Tariff Amendments – 30 August

Please note that no relevant tariff amendments have been published today.

2. Notice of Impending Truck Drivers Strike

Though no formal notice has been issued, several warnings regarding a planned strike by South African truck drivers on the 1st & 2nd of September have been circulated on various social media platforms by individuals purporting to represent the truck drivers.

The drivers are protesting poor working conditions and salaries, as well as the continued employment of foreign nationals in the sector.

Warnings have been issued that no cargo is to move either locally or long distance, and foreign trucks are not to be allowed to travel in South Africa over this time. The Zambian High Commission in Pretoria has issued a travel advisory to its citizens not to travel unless their safety is guaranteed.

While there is no official notification, all warnings of this kind must be taken seriously, and driver safety will have to be ensured before any cargo can be moved. We will be in constant communication with our logistics partners and clients who will be affected by this strike action will be updated accordingly.

The Road Freight Association has met with the Deputy National Commissioner of SAPS in Pretoria to discuss the situation and have been assured that the threats are being taken seriously by government and plans have been put in place to respond accordingly. SAPS command have been added to the RFA Whatsapp Group so that information can be shared immediately and appropriate measures taken to ensure the safety of drivers and their trucks.

Please contact us if you have any specific queries or concerns regarding this.

3. Reminder of September GRI

The Newsflash published on the 23rd of August refers.

Despite numerous calls for it to be reversed, it seems that the planned GRI will be implemented in mid-September.

For your reference, the intended GRI is as follows:

US\$ 200 per 20' standard container

US\$ 400 per 40' standard and high cube container

US\$ 400 per 40' non-operated reefer container (NOR)

4. Delays at Durban Port Pier 2

Please see attached notification from Transnet regarding the delays currently being experienced at Pier 2. They are working to address the issues, and in addition are looking at long term solutions to the ongoing problems.

We thank you for your continued support and partnership

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