

South Africa

According to the New Customs Act Programme released by the South African Revenue Services (SARS), the Reporting of Conveyances and Goods (RCG) by will be enforced by the implementation of an advanced Cargo Declaration (ACD) for all cargo destined to its domestic ports, effective November 1st, 2018.

The main points are as follows:

Scope of the ACD:

- All cargo discharged into RSA ports for local discharge or transshipment (includes FCL, BB and empty Shipper-Owned Containers (SOC)).
- FROB (Freight Remaining on Board) and Empty COC (Empty Carrier Owned Container) are excluded from the scope
- ACD must be done by each Port of Loading (for direct services to RSA) or Port of Transshipment (for non-direct services)

Time frame:

- At the latest 24 Hours prior to the loading of the 1st container on board the vessel entering South African waters
- Strict compliance will be required from the beginning of the application period

Information to be declared: Same as the ones already being declared currently in the Bills of Loading

Modifications:

- Amendments will be allowed as per current time limit, and must be declared electronically
- Further instructions may be provided later according to feedback received from RSA Customs

ACD Fees, applicable to cargo bound to RSA ports

- Cargo data declaration: USD 35 (Thirty-five) per Bill of Loading
- Amendment: USD 35 (Thirty-five) per Bill of Loading
- The ACD fees do not apply to cargo in transshipment

Full details and the official guidelines for Reporting of Conveyances and Goods (RCG) can be found [here](#)