

# Sars' modernisation journey takes another step forward

**S**A Revenue is Service continuing its modernisation of the cross-border trade environment, with the conversion from the old specific Customs CCA procedures to the standardised import and export BOE process and the roll-out of the new ACM requirements in the month of May. And specialised forwarding and clearing software service provider Core Freight Systems has given its thumbs up to the rate of progress to date.

“We have accommodated the new Sars requirements within our integrated cross-border functionality,” says Core Freight’s Glenn Lawson. “We will monitor its ongoing usage by our clients to identify areas for enhancement in line with actual operational experience.

“Our objective is not only to provide an EDI message which is technically correct but to provide a system that assists our users in managing their business in the optimum manner. This addresses both the specific operator activities and its management from an organisational perspective.”

Lawson has represented Core Freight at the relevant Sars technical and business forums throughout the “modernisation journey” and has actively participated where appropriate to contribute to implementing the best solution for the industry.



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“The Core Freight application incorporates modern windows-based technology and a logical process-flow which makes it easy to use across all transport modes – air, sea, road and rail,” says Lawson. “It therefore provides comprehensive and relevant functionality for South African freight forwarding and customs clearing. The CoreXchange module is particularly effective in allowing the transfer of data between the CoreFreight database and other applications, avoiding the effort of manual recapture and the associated potential error and cost.”