

Petr Erasmus

Director



Petr Erasmus is a Director in our Tax & Exchange Control practice.

About Petr

Petr started his career as a Customs and Excise Officer at SARS: Customs in 1996. He was deployed across a wide range of customs and excise positions and offices before being appointed as a Tax Lawyer / Legal Advisor in 2007 at SARS Head Office in Pretoria. During this time Petr was exposed to numerous matters relating to the entire scope of customs and excise.

Petr served his articles at the State Attorney in Pretoria in 2011, joined Shepstone & Wylie as an Associate in 2012 and was appointed as Partner in 2015. In 2016 he joined Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr as a Director.

Credentials

Education

- B Proc, University of South Africa
- LLB, University of South Africa
- Admitted as an Attorney: 2012
- Customs courses up to law enforcement and checking course
- Registered with the Legal Practice Council

Experience

- Customs and Excise
 - internal remedies and litigation
 - drafting and obtaining of tariff-, valuation- and origin determinations in various sectors from SARS
 - audits, notices of intentions to demand, letters of demand, detentions and seizures by SARS
 - legal advice and opinions
 - licensing / registration
 - high level audits verifying client compliance
 - refunds and other repayments

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Expertise

[Tax & Exchange Control](#)

[Corporate Debt, Turnaround & Restructuring](#)

[Industrials, Manufacturing & Trade](#)

Location

Johannesburg

Language

English

- Customs and Excise legislation

Specialises in Customs & Excise legislation including tariff, valuation, origin and other fields in customs & excise law

- During tenure at SARS

- Legal Advisor / Litigation
- Risk analysis
- Cargo examination
- Checking and stops
- Passenger Hall
- Excise
- Licensing and Registration
- Projects

News

[customs and excise](#)

An overview of the customs and excise changes introduced in the 2026 Budget.

[Determining whether review proceedings can be instituted in conjunction with tariff appeal proceedings](#)

The Constitutional Court recently handed down its judgment in Commissioner for the South African Revenue Service and Another V Richards Bay Coal Terminal (Pty) Ltd (CCT 104/23) ZACC 3 (31 March 2025) (RBCT).

[The International Trade Administration Commission embarks on South Africa's steel tariff structure review, which is likely to take off within the next few weeks](#)

The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition issued Notice 52347 of 2025 in respect of the review of the tariff structure and investigation into the possible introduction of an import surveillance system for steel products classifiable under Chapters 72, 73, 82, and 83 of the Customs and Excise Act 91 of 1964, with same having been Gazetted on 19 March 2025.

[Reclassification of certain health supplements in the import duty space](#)

The South African Revenue Service (SARS) has decided to reclassify various health supplements that were previously categorised under tariff heading (TH) 21.06. (providing for miscellaneous edible preparations which were subjected to a rate of 20% import duty) into TH30.04, which pertains to pharmaceuticals, and which attracts a duty free rate.

[The termination of the International Trade Administration Commission's investigation into increased imports of corrosion-resistant steel coils](#)

The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition issued Notice 2932 of 2025 in respect of the termination of the International Trade Administration Commission's (ITAC) investigation relating to the increase in imports of corrosion-resistant steel coils. The termination was gazetted on 17 January 2025.

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Recognition

- Legal 500 EMEA
 - The Legal 500 EMEA 2023 mentioned Petr for Tax.