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SCOA COMMUNICATION: RE-ACTIVATION OF DELETED ITEMS IN THE REGIONAL IDENTIFIER SEGMENT

Purpose

1. The purpose of this communiqué is to offer our sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused by a delay in updating the Regional Identifier segment.
2. To alert the affected department of the re-activation of the deleted items in the Regional Identifier segment.

Background

3. Updates and amendments are made to the chart when approved by the SCOA Technical Committee. However, the major changes which affect the chart drastically are performed before the budget for the new financial year is loaded on the system. The amendments are done in order to align the chart with the latest published budget documentations such as the Expenditure of National Expenditure (ENE), Division of Revenue Act (DoRA) and other prescripts, which are made in preparation for the new financial year. Normally, the amendments and updates are communicated before the financial year end to enable departments to capture their new budget using the updated codes.

Discussion

4. SCOA Technical Committee has been faced with challenges which affected the timeframe on the issuing of the circular. As a result the circular was published later than anticipated.
5. Since some departments had already captured their budget on the items that have been removed from the list, in particular **Regional Segment**, we therefore would like to advise the affected departments that these items have been re-activated on the chart, in the **Regional Identifier Segment** for the 2011/12 financial year. Both (old and new) items will be kept active for the 2011/12 financial year and will be adjusted accordingly in the next year's database.

Conclusion

6. The Committee sincerely apologises for any inconvenience caused. The committee would also like to provide assurance that remedial measures have been developed to prevent a similar event from occurring in the future.

7. Furthermore, the Committee avails itself for any assistance and clarification that may be required by the departments. We hope that this communiqué will assist the departments by paving a way forward and if there are any queries or suggestions please, don't hesitate to contact us via the **SCOA Call Centre at (012) 315 5311** or by sending a concise mail to scoa@treasury.gov.za

Regards

SCOA Technical Committee

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