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MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT, 1941 (ACT 17 1941)

INVITATION FOR THE PUBLIC TO COMMENT ON THE PROHIBITION ON THE USE OF THE COMPANIES AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY COMMISSION (CIPC) FIGURE

I, Dr Rob Davies, Minister of Trade and Industry, hereby advertise for public comment in terms of section 15(1) of the Merchandise Marks Act 1941 the use of the figure as depicted in **Annexure** 1 or similar drawings which might cause confusion with any trade, business, profession or occupation or event, or in connection with any trade mark, mark or trade description applied to goods, save where the use thereof is by the authority of the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC). Proprietors of identical or similar figures already in use will not be affected by this prohibition. The prohibition of this figure/mark will be perpetual and absolute in nature.

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Dr Rob Davies, MP Minister of Trade and Industry 4 April 2017