
GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 1868 OF 2005

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY CONSUMER AFFAIRS UNFAIR BUSINESS PRACTICES) ACT, 1988

In terms of the provisions of section 8(4) of the Consumer Affairs (Unfair Business Practices) Act, 1988 (Act No. 71 of 1988), Notice is hereby given that the Consumer Affairs Committee intends undertaking an investigation in terms of section 8(1)(b) of the said Act into the following business practice:

The nature and extent of disclosures made by sellers or suppliers of parallel imports or grey goods to consumers with particular reference to whether such disclosures are sufficient to enable consumers to make an informed decision prior to the purchase of such goods. Grey or parallel goods are generally regarded as goods sourced from persons other than from a person authorised by the manufacturer to import such goods, or goods that are sourced contrary to any supply arrangement between the authorised local distributor and the manufacturer.

The investigation will encompass (but is not limited to) matters such as the disclosure of the status of such goods, the nature and extent of any warranty provided by the seller or the manufacturer of the goods and any after-sales service provided by the seller or the manufacturer relative to such goods.

Further take notice that any person may, within a period of 21 (twenty one) days of publication of this Notice, make written representations and proposals regarding the investigation to the Consumer Affairs Committee. These written representations must be directed to the under mentioned address.

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