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NOTICE 556 OF 2008**DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY****NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF A BILL INTO PARLIAMENT**

The Minister of Trade and Industry intends introducing the Bill listed below into Parliament during April 2008.

CONSUMER PROTECTION BILL

To promote a fair, accessible and sustainable marketplace for consumer products and services and for that purpose to establish national norms and standards relating to consumer protection, to provide for improved standards of consumer information, to prohibit certain unfair marketing and business practices, to promote responsible consumer behaviour, to promote a consistent legislative and enforcement framework relating to consumer transactions and agreements, to establish the National Consumer Commission, to repeal sections 2 to 13, and sections 16 to 17 of the Merchandise Marks Act, 1941 (Act No. 17 of 1941), the Business Names Act, 1960 (Act No. 27 of 1960), the Price Control Act, 1964 (Act No. 25 of 1964), the Sales and Service Matters Act, 1964 (Act No. 25 of 1964), the Trade Practices Act, 1976 (Act No. 76 of 1976), the Consumer Affairs (Unfair Business Practices) Act, 1988 (Act No. 71 of 1988), the Businesses Act, 1991 (Act No. 71 of 1991), and to make consequential amendments to various other Acts, and to provide for related incidental matters.

Subsequent to the introduction of the Bill into Parliament, copies of the Bill can be obtained from:

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