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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

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MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT, 1941 (ACT 17 1941)

INVITATION FOR THE PUBLIC TO COMMENT ON THE PROHIBITION ON THE USE TO CERTAIN WORDS AND EMBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH THE 2021 BRITISH AND IRISH LIONS RUGBY TOUR OF SOUTH AFRICA

I, Ebrahim Patel, Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, hereby advertise for public comment in terms of section 15(1) of the Merchandise Marks Act 1941 the use of the logo as depicted in **Annexure 1 and 2** 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 Rugby South Africa. Proprietors of identical or similar marks already in use will not be affected by this prohibition. The prohibition of this logo / name will be perpetual and absolute in nature.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed words/emblems/logo within 30 calendar days from the date of publication of this Notice to the:

Director-General, Department of Trade, Industry, and Competition For Attention: Meshendri Padayachy Private Bag X84 Pretoria 0001

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