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**DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION****GENERAL NOTICE 1913 OF 2023****MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT, 1941 (ACT 17 OF 1941)****INVITATION FOR THE PUBLIC TO COMMENT ON THE 2023 NETBALL WORLD CUP AS A PROTECTED EVENT**

I, Ebrahim Patel, Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition hereby, in terms of section 15A of the Merchandise Act, 1941 (Act 17 of 1941 hereinafter referred to as “the Act”), advise of my intention to designate the 2023 Netball World Cup to be hosted from the 28 July 2023 - 6 August 2023 as a “protected event.”

1. The protected event status will be conferred on the 2023 Netball World Cup to be hosted in Cape Town, South Africa on the understanding that the event is in the public interest and that the Department of Sport, Arts and Culture who are the Organisers of the event (hereinafter referred to as “Organisers”) have created opportunities for South African businesses, in particular those from previously disadvantaged communities.
2. The “protected event” designation is on the understanding that:
  - (a) The procurement policy of the Organisers shall comply with the public sector procurement principles such as procedural and substantive fairness, equity, transparency and competitiveness.
  - (b) The procurement policy of the Organisers shall apply constitutional procurement principles and the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition codes of good practice for Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) when evaluating suppliers and administrative law principles of fair procedure.
  - (c) The Organisers must submit an impact assessment of the Netball World Cup event on communities in South Africa to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition at least six months and not more than 12 months after the termination of the “protected event” designation.
  - (d) The term of protection will commence on date of publication of the Final Notice and terminate on 6 September 2023.

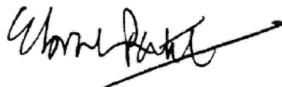
Interested persons may submit written comments within 10 calendar days from the date of publication of this Notice to the:

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**EBRAHIM PATEL**  
**MINISTER OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION**  
**DATE: 8 JULY 2023**