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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION**NO. 5226****20 September 2024****NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 43B(4)(b) OF THE COMPETITION ACT
NO. 89 OF 1998 (AS AMENDED)****NOTICE OF EXTENSION GRANTED: FRESH PRODUCE MARKET
INQUIRY**

As published under Government Notice No 3037 in Government Gazette No. 48037 on 14 February 2023, the 18-month period for completion of the Fresh Produce Market Inquiry ("FPMI") and a final report will expire on 1 October 2024. The Commission requested an extension in terms of section 43B(4)(b) of the Competition Act, 1998 (Act No. 89 of 1998 as amended, "the Act") to allow for a reasonable period to further consider the draft final report, draft remedial actions and recommendations and to finalise engagements with certain affected stakeholders before a decision is taken on the report.

In terms of section 43B(4)(b) of the Act, I hereby extend the period for completion of the FPMI and the publication of the final report until 15 January 2025.

**MINISTER PARKS TAU, MP****MINISTER OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION****DATE:2024/09/19**