

## DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

## NOTICE 3250 OF 2025

## MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT, 1941 (ACT 17 OF 1941)

**INVITATION FOR THE PUBLIC TO COMMENT ON THE PERMISSION TO USE THE  
SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL FLAG AND THE COAT OF ARMS BY MASKEW  
MILLER LEARNING (PTY) LTD**

I, Mpho Parks Tau, the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition hereby advertise for public comment in terms of section 15(1) and Section 14 (1) (B) of the Merchandise Marks Act 17 of 1941, to permit the use of the South African National Flag and the Coat of Arms as depicted in **Annexure 1-3**. The permission to use the South African National Flag and the Coat of Arms as per Annexure 1-3 will be perpetual and absolute in nature, provided the correct requirements for use of the National Flag and the Coat of Arms are maintained. The Applicant is Maskew Miller Learning (Pty) Ltd.

The design and integrity of the South African National Flag and the Coat of Arms must be maintained in its correct proportions.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed use of the South African National Flag and the Coat of Arms as per Annexure 1-3 within 30 calendar days from the date of publication of this Notice to the:

Director-General, Department of Trade, Industry, and Competition  
For Attention: Lekgala Morwamohube  
Private Bag X84  
Pretoria  
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or hand deliver to:

77 Meintjies street  
Block B, Ground Floor  
Sunnyside, Pretoria  
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**Mr Mpho Parks Tau, MP**  
**Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition**  
15 / 05 / 2025

**Annexure 1****South Africa's National Symbols**

Every country has national symbols. The symbols are special and unique to that country. They are only found in that country. South Africa has a national flag, anthem, bird, animal, fish, flower, tree and coat of arms.

**Annexure 2**

Every country has a flag. The South African flag is very colourful. It has six colours: black, yellow, green, red, white and blue. South Africa's current flag was first used in 1994. The flag is flown at different buildings and at many national events.

**Annexure 3**

South Africa has a coat of arms. Not all countries have one, but every country has important symbols.

The coat of arms is seen as a symbol of the government. Our coat of arms is found on the back of South African coins.