

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION**No. 7684****10 July 2026****COMPETITION COMMISSION****NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 10(7) OF THE COMPETITION ACT 89 OF 1998 (AS AMENDED): SOUTH AFRICAN PETROLEUM INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION GRANTED CONDITIONAL EXEMPTION**

On 28 October 2022, the South African Petroleum Industry Association ("SAPIA") and its members applied to the Competition Commission of South Africa ("Commission") in terms of section 10(1)(b) of the Competition Act 89 of 1998, as amended ("the Act") to be exempted from certain provisions of section 4 of the Act ("2020 Exemption"). The exemption was sought for a period of ten (10) years from 01 January 2021 ending on 31 December 2030.¹

In August 2024, the Commission granted conditional exemption to SAPIA in respect of the 2020 Exemption application for for a period of twenty-three (23) months from 01 August 2024 up to and including 30 June 2026.

Notice is hereby given, in terms of section 10(7) of the Act, that the Commission has extended the 2020 Exemption for a period of six (06) months from 01 July 2026 up to and including 31 December 2026 on the same terms and conditions published in Government Gazette No.51132 of 30 August 2024.

The exemption granted by the Commission covers a wide range of agreements and practices which, according to SAPIA, are required to ensure the continuity and stability of liquid fuels supply to various sectors and geographic locations of the South African economy. In particular, the exemption covers agreements and practices in the petroleum and refinery industry which are considered by the Commission to be in contravention of sections 4(1)(a) and (b) of the Act. SAPIA

¹ See Commission Case Number 2020OCT0044

based its application on the premise that the aforesaid agreements and practices are required to obtain the objective set out under section 10(3)(b)(iv) of the Act.

SAPIA or any other person with substantial financial interest affected by this decision may appeal it to the Competition Tribunal in the prescribed manner in terms of section 10(8) of the Act.

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In correspondence, kindly refer to the following case number: 2020OCT0044