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GENERAL NOTICE

NOTICE 647 OF 2008

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY NOTICE OF AMENDMENT

Notice 556 of 2008 published in Government Gazette No. 31027 of 5 May 2008 is hereby amended-

(a) by the substitution for the word "April" in the first paragraph, of the word "May"; and

(b) by the insertion of the following paragraph before the last paragraph:

"Interested persons and institutions are invited to submit written representations on the Bill to the Secretary of Parliament on or before 3 June 2008. For purposes hereof kindly contact Mr. Johnny Ramrock on telephone number 021 403 3671; or facsimile 021 403 2808; or e-mail jramrock@parliament.gov.za"

The amended Notice reads as follows:

NOTICE 556 OF 2008

DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF A BILL INTO PARLIAMENT

The Minister of Trade and Industry intends introducing the Bill listed below into Parliament during May 2008.

CONSUMER PROTECTION BILL

To promote a fair, accessible and sustainable marketplace for consumer products and services and for that purpose to establish national norms and standards relating to consumer protection, to provide for improved standards of consumer information, to prohibit certain unfair marketing and business practices, to promote responsible consumer behaviour, to promote a consistent legislative and enforcement framework relating to consumer transactions and agreements, to establish the National Consumer Commission, to repeal sections 2 to 13, and sections 16 to 17 of the Merchandise Marks Act, 1941 (Act No. 17 of 1941), the Business Names Act, 1960 (Act No. 27 of 1960), the Price Control Act, 1964 (Act No. 25 of 1964), the Sales and Service Matters Act, 1964 (Act No. 25 of 1964), the Trade Practices Act, 1976 (Act No. 76 of 1976), the Consumer Affairs (Unfair Business Practices) Act, 1988 (Act No. 71 of 1988), the Businesses Act, 1991 (Act No. 71 of 1991), and to make consequential amendments to various other Acts, and to provide for related incidental matters.

Interested persons and institutions are invited to submit written representations on the Bill to the Secretary of Parliament on or before 3 June 2008. For purposes hereof kindly contact Mr. Johnny Ramrock on telephone number 021 403 3671; or facsimile 021 403 2808; or e-mail jramrock@parliament.gov.za

Subsequent to the introduction of the Bill into Parliament, copies of the Bill can be obtained from:

**The Department of Trade and Industry
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