

## **Media Release**

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### **Commission publishes Retail Market Inquiry draft terms of reference for public comment**

Today, (Friday, 12 June 2015), the Competition Commission published in the Government Gazette the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Grocery Retail Sector Market Inquiry for public comment. The draft Terms of Reference provide an indication of the scope of the market inquiry, which is expected to cover six major areas:

- (1) The impact of the expansion, diversification and consolidation of national supermarket chains on small and independent retailers;
- (2) The impact of long term exclusive leases on competition in the sector;
- (3) The dynamics of competition between local and foreign owned small and independent retailers;
- (4) The impact of regulations, including inter alia municipal town planning and by-laws on small and independent retailers;
- (5) The impact of buyer groups on small and independent retailers; and
- (6) The impact of certain identified value chains on the operations of small and independent retailers.

The drafts ToR are published for public comment in the interest of a fair and transparent market inquiry.

Written comments can be sent to [louised@compcom.co.za](mailto:louised@compcom.co.za) until 5pm, Friday 03 July 2015.

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