

## GROCERY RETAIL MARKET INQUIRY

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TO: ALL STAKEHOLDERS

### **NOTICE REGARDING REVISED DATES FOR THE PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR THE GROCERY RETAIL MARKET INQUIRY (GRMI)**

1. Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Competition Commissioners and the Panel, the public hearings scheduled to take place between 06 February and 31 March 2017 had to be postponed.
2. The Panel of the Grocery Retail Market Inquiry notifies all stakeholders of the revised dates for the public hearings which are planned for the period **08 May 2017 to 07 July 2017**.
3. The **Appendices** to this notice set out the general timetable of the intended three **(3)** sets of public hearings that the Panel will be conducting and the subject matters that will mainly be covered in the hearings. The Panel reserves the right to adjust this general plan of the hearings, if the need arises. The formal hearing notices required by paragraph 22.7 of the *Guidelines for Participation*, dated 15 July 2016, will in each instance be published in due course. Where practicable, pre-hearing consultations will be held with participants as contemplated in paragraph 25 of the *Guidelines for Participation*.
4. Should you require further clarity regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact the Inquiry Director at [Retail@compcom.co.za](mailto:Retail@compcom.co.za).



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Yours faithfully

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### Appendix 1

#### Grocery Retail Market Inquiry (“GRMI”) Public Hearing Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Province</b>	<b>City</b>
08 May 2017 -12 May 2017	Western Cape	Cape Town
05 June 2017 -09 June 2017	Gauteng	Pretoria
03 July 2017- 07 July 2017	Kwa-Zulu Natal	eThekwini
<b>ADDITIONAL HEARINGS MAY BE HELD IF NECESSARY.</b>		

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**Appendix 2**

**Grocery Retail Market Inquiry (“GRMI”) Discussion Topics**

<b>Topics to be probed at the Public Hearings</b>	<b>Public Hearings</b>
1. The impact (negative and positive effects) of the entry of national supermarket chains into townships, peri-urban areas and rural areas and the informal economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cape Town</li> <li>• Pretoria</li> <li>• EThekwini</li> </ul>
2. The impact of long term exclusive lease agreements and the role of financiers on competition in the grocery retail sector	
3. The impact of regulations and by-laws on competition in the grocery retail sector	
4. The impact of buyer groups and buyer power of purchasers of fast moving consumer goods on competition in the grocery retail sector	