

**Media Statement****For Immediate Release****30 June 2023****ONLINE INTERMEDIATION PLATFORMS MARKET INQUIRY EXTENDED UNTIL 31 JULY 2023**

The Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition Mr. Ebrahim Patel has granted the Competition Commission (Commission) a further extension for the completion of the Online Intermediation Platforms Market Inquiry (OIPMI) until 31 July 2023.

The preceding extension of the period of the inquiry was due to lapse today.

The extension is granted in terms of section 43B (4)(b) of the Competition Act, Act No.89 of 1998 (as amended) to allow the Commission a reasonable period to further consider the draft final report, draft remedial actions, and recommendations before a final decision is taken to publish the final report.

The notice of the extension can be accessed at <https://www.compcom.co.za/wp-content/uploads/2023/06/48870-30-6-TradeIndComp-OIPMI-June-Extension.pdf>

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