



Stakeholder Notice

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THE FRESH PRODUCE MARKET INQUIRY AMENDS INDICATIVE ADMINISTRATIVE TIMETABLE

The Fresh Produce Market Inquiry (FPMI) commenced on 31 March 2023. The FPMI, initiated in terms of section 43B(1)(a), read with section 43A, of the Competition Act 89 of 1999 (the Act), is considering if adverse effects are present in the fresh produce value chain arising from any feature or combination of features that may impede, restrict or distort competition.

Since the start of the Inquiry, the FPMI conducted various rounds of information gathering, held SME/HDP farmer workshops across the country, hosted two sets of public hearings and conducted a number of field investigations at national fresh produce markets and retailer distribution centres. Extensive information and data have been collected from over 70 industry stakeholders.

As such the FPMI is nearing the end of its evidence gathering phase and is in the process of compiling its Provisional Report for public comment.

According to the Indicative Administrative Timetable, released on 23 March 2023, the FPMI indicated that it would seek to publish its Provisional Report on 31 March 2024. In light of the need to finalise the remaining evidence gathering tasks and incorporate any additional information in the Provisional Report, the FPMI hereby gives notice to stakeholders that the indicative date for the publication of the Provisional Report has been amended to 31 May 2024.

The FPMI is making every effort to complete the inquiry within the legislated 18-month timeframe, such date being 1 October 2024. The amended indicative administrative timetable is available on the FPMI's website at www.compcom.co.za/fresh-produce-market-inquiry/.

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