



**Stakeholder Notice**

**For Immediate Release**

**31 May 2024**

**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.

At the end of February 2024, the FPMI amended its indicative administrative timetable to reflect a postponement of the publication date for the Provisional Report for a period of two months, from 31 March 2024 to 31 May 2024.

In the intervening period, the FPMI conducted extensive engagements with affected stakeholders to obtain preliminary responses on potential findings and draft remedies. While most of these engagements have been concluded, certain crucial discussions remain ongoing. This has necessitated a further but limited postponement of the publication of the Provisional Report to enable these engagements to conclude.

Accordingly, the FPMI hereby notifies stakeholders that it intends to publish the Provisional Report by Friday, 21 June 2024.

The FPMI remains committed 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/](http://www.compcom.co.za/fresh-produce-market-inquiry/).

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