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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

NO. 6712 **3 October 2025**

NOTICE INVITING PUBLIC COMMENT ON THE PLACING OF CHROME ORE UNDER EXPORT CONTROL IN TERMS OF SECTION 6 OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION ACT 71 of 2002

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this notice is to inform stakeholders and interested parties of a recent Cabinet decision[1] aimed at reviving South Africa's Chrome industry and to invite public comment on the decision to place chrome ore, classifiable under tariff subheading 2610.00, under export control by the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa ("the Commission"). This and other interventions are designed to improve the long-term viability and competitiveness of the Chrome value chain in the Republic of South Africa.

2. BACKGROUND

The South African Chrome value chain, which is a significant contributor to the country's mining and industrial base, has experienced a steady decline in recent years. This decline has been attributed to a combination of binding constraints, including rising electricity costs, global market pressures and the unregulated export of raw chrome ore. In response, Cabinet has endorsed a coordinated intervention by government and industry stakeholders to stabilise and revitalise the Chrome value chain. This decision by Cabinet includes placing chrome ore under export control by the Commission.

3. DISCUSSION

Cabinet's decision to place chrome ore under export control recognises the strategic importance of the Chrome value chain in supporting South Africa's industrialisation goals and mineral beneficiation strategy, include value addition of raw minerals close to source of mining extraction. The introduction of export control on chrome ore will be in terms of the International Trade Administration Act, 2002 (Act No. 71 of 2002) ("the Act"), which authorises the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition ("the Minister") to regulate imports and exports.

Specifically, section 6(1)(d) of the Act provides that –

[1] https://www.gov.za/news/cabinet-statements/statement-cabinet-meeting-25-june-2025-26-jun-2025

(1) The Minister may, by notice in the Gazette, prescribe that no goods of a specified class or kind, or no goods other than goods of specified class or kind, may be –

(d) exported from the Republic, except under the authority of and in accordance with the conditions stated in a permit issued by the Commission.

Based on Cabinet's decision and the authority provided for under the Act, as exercised by the Minister, the Commission will establish a permit processing system for chrome ore. Based on this system, prior to the exportation of any chrome ore, exporters will be required to apply to the Commission for an export permit. Assuming that a permit application is properly completed, and that any other requirements have been duly met, the Commission will issue an applicant with an export permit. This permitting process, together with the other interventions decided on by Cabinet, will allow for a more strategic management of this critical mineral resource.

4. COMMENTS

Stakeholders and other interested parties are hereby invited to submit written comments on the placing of chrome ore under export control by the Commission, as discussed above. Comments should be clearly marked 'confidential' or 'non-confidential', and if a confidential submission is made it should be accompanied by a non-confidential version.

Comments should be submitted within four (04) weeks of the date of this notice to the following official:

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