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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

NO. 7139 **17 February 2026**

EXTENSION OF COMMENTING PERIOD ON THE PLACING OF CHROME ORE UNDER EXPORT CONTROL IN TERMS OF SECTION 6 OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION ACT 71 of 2002

1. By virtue of the powers vested in me in terms of section 5 of the International Trade Administration Act, 2002 (Act No. 71 of 2002), I, Parks Tau, Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition (**the dtic**) hereby notify as follows:

   a) On 03 October 2025, the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition issued the notice in the gazette (Notice No. 53467), informing stakeholders and interested parties of cabinet decision aimed at reviving South Africa's chrome industry and to invite public comments on the intention to place chrome ore, classifiable under tariff subheading 2610.00, under export control by the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa ("the Commission").

   b) This intervention is among other interventions, designed to improve the long-term viability and competitiveness of the chrome value chain in the Republic of South Africa.

   c) Stakeholders and interested parties were invited to submit input to **the dtic** within the period of up to 4 weeks ending 31 October 2025.

   d) Following receipt of input, careful analysis and consideration of presentations made, it became clear that a significant number of stakeholders and interested parties needed further opportunity to provide their contributions.

   e) I hereby invite stakeholders and interested parties to submit written comments, **within two (02) weeks** of the date of this notice to the:

      Attention:
      - **Director-General: The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition, Address: 77 Meintjies Street, Sunnyside, Pretoria, Gauteng, RSA, 0002, or**
      - **Email: ChromeExportPermit@thedtic.gov.za**

   f) The submission should be clearly marked 'confidential' or 'non-confidential', and if a confidential submission is made it should be accompanied by a non-confidential version.

   g) The extension will allow:
      i. Additional time for stakeholders and interested parties to prepare and submit input on specific areas of concern, which for various reasons, could not be provided adequately during the first round of commenting to gazette Notice No. 53467 of 03 October 2025.

      ii. Further engagement between **the dtic** and stakeholders, clarifying certain aspects of government intention, and building consensus on recommendations made.

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