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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

NO. 7947 **22 September 2026**

STANDARDS ACT, 2008 (ACT NO. 8 OF 2008)

WITHDRAWAL OF THE MINISTERIAL DIRECTIVE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A PRE-EXPORT VERIFICATION OF CONFORMITY PROGRAMME FOR CERTAIN UNREGULATED PRODUCTS IMPORTED FROM THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA

I, Mr Mpho Parks Tau, Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition, acting in terms of section 33 of the Standards Act, 2008 (Act No. 8 of 2008), hereby withdraw, in its entirety, the Ministerial Directive titled "Implementation of a Pre-Export Verification of Conformity Programme for Certain Unregulated Products Imported from the People's Republic of China", published under Government Notice No. 7284 in Government Gazette No. 54374 of 20 March 2026.

1. Effect of withdrawal

1.1 The Ministerial Directive referred to above is withdrawn with effect from the date of publication of this Notice in the Government Gazette.

1.2 From that date, no Certificate of Conformity shall be required under the withdrawn Directive as supporting documentation for the importation of products that fell within its scope.

1.3 No new application for a Certificate of Conformity shall be accepted or processed under the withdrawn Directive after the effective date of this Notice.

2. Pending applications and certificates

2.1 Any application that remains pending on the effective date of this Notice shall be administratively closed, and the applicant shall be notified accordingly.

3. Preservation of other laws

This Notice does not affect any obligation imposed under a compulsory specification or any other applicable customs, border-management, consumer-protection, health, safety or sector-specific legislation.

4. Commencement

This Notice comes into operation on the date of its publication in the Government Gazette.



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