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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

NOTICE 4184 OF 2026

MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT, 1941

INVITATION FOR THE PUBLIC TO COMMENT ON THE DECLARATION OF THE LIFESAVING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026 EVENT AS A PROTECTED EVENT

I, Mpho Parks Tau, the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition hereby, in terms of section 15A of the Merchandise Act, 1941 (Act 17 of 1941) hereinafter referred to as "the Act"), declare the Lifesaving World Championships 2026 as a "protected event" including the relevant marks, words and emblems in terms of section 15(1) as attached in **Annexure A**.

1. The protected event status will be conferred on the Lifesaving South Africa on the understanding that the event is in the public interest and that the Organisers of the event from the Lifesaving South Africa (hereinafter referred to as "Organisers") have created opportunities for South African businesses, particularly those from the previously disadvantaged communities.
2. The "protected event" designation is on the understanding that:
   (a) The procurement policy of the Organisers shall comply with the public sector procurement principles such as procedural and substantive fairness, equity, transparency and competitiveness.
   (b) The procurement policy of the Organisers shall apply constitutional procurement principles, the Preferential Procurement Policy Framework Act, 2000 (Act No. 5 of 2000), the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition codes of good practice for Broad Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) when evaluating suppliers and administrative law principles of fair procedure.
   (c) The Organisers must submit an impact assessment report on the Lifesaving World Championship event on communities in South Africa to the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition at least six months and not more than 12 months after the termination of the "protected event" designation.
   (d) The date of the "protected event" is the 25 November 2026 to the 13 December 2026.

3. Interested persons may submit written comments on the protected event status within 15 calendar days from the date of publication of this Notice to the:

Director-General, Department of Trade, Industry and Competition

For Attention: Ms Kedibone Theko

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MR MPHO PARKS TAU
MINISTER OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION
DATE:...28/.09...../2026

Annexure A

LIFESAVING WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS 2026 LOGO'S

1. The Event Logo.



2.The Reduced Logo for use on medals and badges



DEPARTMENT OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

NOTICE 4185 OF 2026

MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT, 1941 (ACT 17 OF 1941)

INVITATION FOR THE PUBLIC TO COMMENT ON THE PERMISSION TO USE THE SOUTH AFRICAN NATIONAL FLAG BY THE SOUTH AFRICAN RESERVE BANK

I, Mpho Parks Tau, the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition hereby advertise for public comment in terms of section 15(1) of the Merchandise Marks Act 17 of 1941, to permit the use of the South African National Flag as depicted in **Annexure A.** The permission to use the South African National Flag will be perpetual and absolute in nature, provided the correct requirements for use of the National Flag are maintained. The Applicant is the South African Reserve Bank.

The design and integrity of the South African National Flag must be maintained in its correct proportions.

Interested persons may submit written comments on the proposed use of the South African National Flag as per **Annexure A** within 30 calendar days from the date of publication of this Notice to the:

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MINISTER OF TRADE, INDUSTRY AND COMPETITION

Date: 28/09/**2026**

Annexure A



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