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THE COMESA COMPETITION COMMISSION SEEKS PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ITS DRAFT REVIEWED REGULATIONS

The COMESA Competition Regulations, 2004 (the "Regulations") were adopted by the COMESA Council of Ministers in December 2004 in accordance with Article 55(3) of the Treaty establishing the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA). The Regulations entered into force by virtue of Article 12(1) of the COMESA Treaty in December 2004 upon their publication in the COMESA Official Gazette Vol. 9 No.2 as Decision No. 43 in Notice No 2 of 2004. Thereafter, the COMESA Competition Commission (the "Commission") was established under Article 6 of the Regulations and became operational on 14 January 2013. The Commission is charged with the administration and enforcement of the Regulations. Since 2004, no amendments have been made to the Regulations in the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa.

The Commission encountered practical challenges during the course of enforcing and implementing the Regulations which necessitated their extensive review. The Commission is therefore seeking public comments on the <u>proposed draft reviewed Regulations</u>.

With your comments, further input and advice, the Commission is convinced that the final Regulations will address the challenges of competition and consumer protection enforcement faced in the Common Market. Interested parties are kindly requested to submit their written comments at their earliest convenience but no later than **Wednesday**, **14 February 2024** to the undersigned:

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