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PRESS RELEASE

REPEAL OF THE COMESA COMPETITION REGULATIONS AND RULES AND ADOPTION OF NEW REGULATIONS AND RULES

The general public is hereby notified that the COMESA Council of Ministers (the “Council”), at its 46th meeting held on 4 December 2025, approved the **COMESA Competition and Consumer Protection Regulations, 2025** (the “2025 Regulations”) and the **COMESA Competition and Consumer Protection Rules, 2025** (the “2025 Rules”).

Pursuant to Regulation 84 of the 2025 Regulations read together with Rule 38 of the 2025 Rules, the 2025 Regulations and Rules shall take effect immediately after approval by the Council, that is, from 5 December 2025. Further, in accordance with Regulation 82 of the 2025 Regulations and Rule 39 of the 2025 Rules, the COMESA Competition Regulations of 2004 (the 2004 Regulations) and the COMESA Competition Rules of 2004 are hereby repealed.

Regulation 8 of the 2025 Regulations recognises the establishment of the “**COMESA Competition and Consumer Commission**”. Accordingly, the name “COMESA Competition Commission” is hereby amended to reflect this change as from 5 December 2025.

The public is further informed of the transitional provisions under Regulation 82 of the 2025 Regulations which provide as follows:

- (1) The COMESA Competition Regulations (December 2004) are hereby repealed.*
- (2) Any action undertaken under the repealed COMESA Competition Regulations shall remain valid.*
- (3) Notwithstanding the generality of paragraph (1):*
 - (a) any Rules or other instruments made under the repealed COMESA Competition Regulations shall, in so far as they are not inconsistent with the provisions of these Regulations, be deemed to have been made under these Regulations and shall*

- continue to be in force under these Regulations until amended or repealed under these Regulations; and*
- (b) *any investigation, legal proceedings or penalty, forfeiture or punishment instituted or incurred in respect of a contravention committed under the repealed COMESA Competition Regulations, before the commencement of these Regulations, may be instituted or continued under the repealed COMESA Competition Regulations (December 2004).*
- (4) *Any matter filed under the repealed COMESA Competition Regulations, on or before the commencement of these Regulations, and pending before:*
- (a) *the Board appointed under the repealed COMESA Competition Regulations; or*
(b) *the Appeals Board and the Committee Responsible for Initial Determinations established under the repealed COMESA Competition Regulations and COMESA Competition Commission (Appeals Board Procedure Rules) 2017, shall be continued and concluded under the repealed COMESA Competition Regulations.*
- (5) *A Commissioner appointed before the coming into force of these Regulations, shall continue to hold office as though they were appointed under these Regulations.*
- (6) *For the avoidance of doubt, a person who, before the commencement of these Regulations, was an officer, employee, expert or advisor of the COMESA Competition Commission established under the repealed COMESA Competition Regulations, shall continue to be an officer, employee, expert or advisor of the COMESA Competition and Consumer Commission, as the case may be, as if appointed or employed under these Regulations.*
- (7) *On the commencement of these Regulations:*
- (a) *the assets, rights and liabilities of the COMESA Competition Commission under the repealed COMESA Competition Regulations (December 2004) shall be deemed to be the assets and liabilities of the COMESA Competition and Consumer Commission under these Regulations; and*
(b) *any contract or agreement executed under the repealed COMESA Competition Regulations shall continue to have effect in accordance with its terms as if it was originally made and entered into under these Regulations.*

In view of the foregoing, the public is informed that all proceedings and processes commenced under the 2004 Regulations shall continue to be guided and governed under the 2004 Regulations until their conclusion. However, any conduct, event, or action or incident arising on or after 5 December 2025 shall be governed under the 2025 Regulations.

The Commission further notifies the public that any communications, notices or correspondences issued by **“COMESA Competition Commission”** shall be deemed to have been issued by the **“COMESA Competition and Consumer Commission.”** Notwithstanding this, the Commission advises its stakeholders to apply its new title **“COMESA Competition and Consumer Commission”** in all official communications, notices, and correspondences going forward.

The 2025 Regulations and the 2025 Rules are accessible on the Commission's website at:

- [Regulations - COMESA Competition Commission](#)
- [Rules - COMESA Competition Commission](#)

The Commission advises all undertakings and stakeholders to familiarise themselves with the 2025 Regulations and 2025 Rules to ensure compliance.

Any queries regarding this Notice and the 2025 Regulations and 2025 Rules may be directed to registrar@comesacompetition.org with a copy to legalservices@comesacompetition.org



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