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DRAFT TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR THE POULTRY MARKET INQUIRY

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1. BACKGROUND

The Competition Commission ("Commission") will conduct a market inquiry into the poultry industry value chain, the "Poultry Market Inquiry" (or "PMI") in terms of section 43B(1)(a) of the Competition Act 89 of 1998 (as amended) ("the Act"). An Inquiry was initiated because the Commission has reason to believe that there are market features in the poultry market that may impede, distort or restrict competition; and in order to achieve the purposes of the Act including the participation of small and medium enterprises ("SMEs") and historically disadvantaged persons ("HDPs") in these markets.

2. INVITATION TO COMMENT

The public is invited to submit comments on these draft Terms of Reference by 16h00 on 8 March 2024. Written submissions can be sent to pmi@compcom.co.za. All submissions will be reviewed, and a final Terms of Reference published by the Commission.

The PMI will commence 20 business days after the publication of the final Terms of Reference and the final report will be completed within 18 months, as per the statutory requirements of sections 43B (2) and 43B(4)(a) of the Act respectively. Details on the administrative phases of the inquiry along with Guidelines for Participation will be made available on the Commission's website once the final Terms of Reference are published. At that point, members of the public and businesses will be invited to provide written representations and information to the inquiry.

The draft terms of reference have been published on the Commission's website www.compcom.co.za