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Department:  
Trade, Industry and Competition  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## **THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY**

### **QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY**

**4794. Ms E L Powell (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

Whether he will furnish Ms EL Powell with the submissions made to the United States Congress as part of the African Growth and Opportunity Act public hearings as the deadline for submissions to Congress for was 30 June 2025; if not, why not; if so, what are the relevant details? NW5344E

### **REPLY**

Every year as part of AGOA eligibility criteria, the United States Trade Representative is required by law to conduct eligibility reviews for Sub-Saharan Africa (SSA) beneficiary countries to receive AGOA benefits the following year. Since 2015, the South African government and private sector actively participates in this process through making written and oral submissions. For the recent review process, the SA private sector and labour made submissions. The South African Embassy in Washington, DC participated in the public hearings. Many of the concerns raised by the US private sector relate to agricultural market access on pork and beef as well as other policy issues such as on the Copy Rights Amendment Bill. My Department together with the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development have finalised and submitted a post-hearing submission addressing these issues.

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