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Department:  
Trade, Industry and Competition  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

### QUESTION FOR WRITTEN REPLY

#### QUESTION NO. 6439

**Mr R W T Chance (DA) to ask the Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition:**

Whether he intends to (a) establish a joint task force of the National Consumer Commission and SA Health Products Regulatory Authority by January 2026 to (i) investigate grey-market cannabis products, (ii) enforce compliance standards and (iii) protect consumers and (b) publish a public progress report on initial findings by March 2026; if not, what is the position in each case; if so, what are the further, relevant details in each case? NW7214E

#### REPLY:

(a) (i), (ii) and (iii)

The Minister of Trade, Industry and Competition has not considered establishing a joint task force of the National Consumer Commission and SA Health Products Regulatory Authority to investigate grey market cannabis products, enforce compliance standards and protect consumers by January 2026.

(b) There will not be a public progress report published on the basis. The immediate focus of **the dtic** is to review and implement the National Hemp and Cannabis Master Plan and the Hemp and Cannabis Commercialisation Policy. Through these actions, the department has commenced the process of advancing regulatory reform aimed at unlocking the economic potential of South Africa's hemp and cannabis industry. This initiative forms part of the broader government effort to promote industrialisation, rural development, and job creation through the implementation of the Hemp and Cannabis Master Plan.

**the dtic** is also, through the South African Bureau of Standards (SABS), preparing SANS 8233; which is a Standard Guide for packaging and labelling of Consumer Resin Cannabis products - from sale to Adult Consumers, Legally Authorised Medical Users and Care givers in a business; to consumer Retail for consultation purposes.

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