

# Portfolio Committee on Trade, Industry and Competition

## the dtic Response to the National Disaster of Classified Foodborne Illnesses

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# The Department's response

To support Spaza Shops with funding for the refurbishment of businesses and facilitating wholesale aggregation. Businesses will be provided with financial and non-financial support in terms of technical skills, support for regulatory compliance and capacity building.

The objective is to:

- increase the participation of South African owned Spaza Shops in the townships and rural areas' retail trade sector;
- provide safe and affordable products and services to Township and Rural Community residents;
- strengthen and support locally-owned Spaza Shops by building capacity, enhancing operational efficiency, and enabling access to competitive pricing through partnerships;
- help Spaza shops tap into bulk purchasing benefits and business support to boost their sustainability and competitiveness.

# The Department's response

- Application Criteria for the Support Fund has been developed and publicised in the form of a Brochure.
- The portal for businesses to submit their applications for funding to the National Empowerment Fund (NEF) and the Small Enterprise Development Finance Agency (Sedfa) is ready for application.  
[https://systemsnew.sefa.org.za/SMMEPortal\\_Test](https://systemsnew.sefa.org.za/SMMEPortal_Test)
- Proudly South African has provided a database of vetted South African entities that Spaza Shops can utilise to procure their products.
- Key wholesalers have been vetted and are in the processes of finalising agreements to supply Spaza shops with stock and building infrastructure.

# The Department's response

- Liaison with the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) and South African Revenue Service (SARS) on their registration processes for Spaza Shops has been undertaken.
  - ❖ Registration with CIPC and SARS will be facilitated by both NEF and SEDFA regional offices.
  - ❖ The registration will take into account the informality of the sector and the registration will be facilitated over a period of time linked to education, training and awareness and associated benefits of registration.

**THANK YOU**