

# Economic Development Department

Dear Colleague

The Economic Development Department has published the following three documents for public comment:

- First Draft Set of Price Discrimination Regulations in terms of the Competition Act and the Competition Amendment Bill;
- First Draft Set of Buyer Power Regulations in terms of the Competition Act and the Competition Amendment Bill;
- Definitions of Small and Medium Business in terms of the Competition Act and the Competition Amendment Bill.

Comment is sought:

1. from large firms as to whether the first draft set of regulations provides sufficient guidance regarding the practices which the Commission may investigate as a prohibited practice under sections 8(4) and 9;
2. from small and medium firms as to whether the first draft set of regulations sufficiently captures the range of abuses which small and medium firms may suffer as a result of price discrimination and abuse of buyer power; and
3. from interested parties as to whether the first draft set of regulations sufficiently addresses the changes in industries as a result of technological shifts, in particular those relating to the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

In addition, the Department intends to host a set of forums with firms, including large firms and small and medium firms, which may be impacted by the proposed amendments to sections 8(4) and 9 of the Act. Any firm who wishes to be considered for participation in these forums should write to the Minister by 15 January 2019 to advise of its interest.

Kindly indicate interest to attend the forums to CAIA by 14 January 2019, and provide comments to the documents by **18 January 2019**.