

## GENERAL NOTICE

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# INVITATION TO NOMINATE MEMBERS TO A STANDING COMMITTEE ON INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS

The Standing Advisory Committee on Intellectual Property Rights (hereinafter called "the Standing Committee") is a statutory body constituted in terms of Section 40 of the Copyright Act No.98/1978 to advise the Minister of Trade and Industry (hereinafter called"the Minister") on matters related to Intellectual Property Rights, for an example, amendments to the following legislations; Patents Act, Designs Act, Trade Marks Act, Copyright Act, Merchandise Marks Act, and Trade Practice Act. Further, the Committee will also advise the Minister in the formulation of policy on the following aspects of Intellectual Property, namely;

- Copyright and Related Rights;
- ★ Geographical Indications;
- Protection and Use of State Emblems;
- Electronic Commerce;
- Emerging Global Intellectual Property Rights Issues, inter alia;
  - Protection of Traditional Knowledge, Innovation and Creativity;
    - Biotechnology and Biodiversity; and
      - Protection of Folklore.

#### **COMPOSITION**

10 members, each of whom should at least have expertise in one or more of the aspects of Intellectual Property Rights mentioned above. Members should form subcommittees on various spheres of Intellectual Property Rights, and become Chairpersons of such committees.

#### **REPORTING TO THE MINISTER**

The Chairperson of the Standing Committee shall be required to submit a written annual report to the Minister on or before the end of March.

#### TERM OF OFFICE

The term of office is three (3) years.

#### MEETINGS

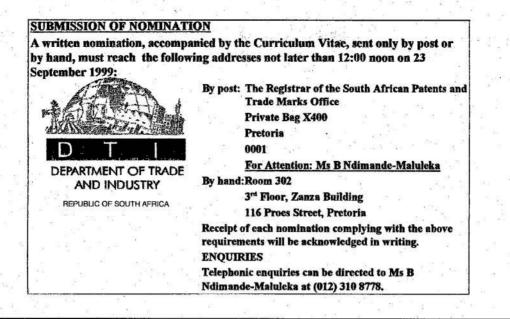
The number of annual meetings scheduled are four (4), thus subcommittees meet and forward input to the Standing Committee.

#### ACCOUNTABILITY

Members of the Standing Committee account to the Minister, and not to the respective organisations, or individuals who may have nominated them to the Standing Committee.

#### SELECTION

The Department will select the member of the Standing Committee taking into consideration the demographics of the country and recommend to the Minister for appointment.



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