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DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY NOTICE OF INTRODUCTION OF A BILL INTO PARLIAMENT

The Minister of Trade and Industry intends to introduce the Intellectual Property Laws Amendment Bill into Parliament during April 2010

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY LAWS AMENDMENT BILL EXPLANATORY SUMMARY

To amend the –

Performers' Protection Act, 1967, so as to amend certain definitions and insert new definitions; to provide for the recognition and protection of traditional performances having an indigenous origin and a traditional character; to provide for the payment of royalty in respect of such performances; to provide for the recordal of traditional performances;

Copyright Act, 1978, so as to amend certain definitions and insert new definitions; to provide for the recognition and protection of copyright works of a traditional character; to provide for the establishment of a National Council in respect of traditional intellectual property; to provide for a national database for the recordal of traditional intellectual property; to provide for the establishment of a national trust and a trust fund in respect of traditional intellectual property;

Trade Marks Act, 1993, so as to amend certain definitions and insert new definitions; to provide for further protection of geographical indications; to provide for the recognition of terms and expressions of indigenous origin and for the registration of such terms and expressions as trade marks; to provide for the recordal of traditional terms and expressions;

Designs Act, 1993, so as to amend certain definitions and insert new definitions; to provide for the recognition and registration of traditional designs of indigenous origin; to create for this purpose a further part of the designs register; to provide for the recordal of traditional designs and to provide for matters incidental thereto.

Subsequent to the introduction of the Bill into Parliament, copies can be obtained from:

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