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TRANSNET LIMITED'S PRESENTATION TO THE PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE ON TRADE AND INDUSTRY: CONSUMER PROTECTION BILL [B 19B-2008]

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INTRODUCTION

- Transnet Limited submitted comments to Parliament on the Bill as introduced, to obtain clarity on the ambit and application of the Bill.
- The purpose of today's presentation is to bring these matters to the attention of the Portfolio Committee.

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- Is it the intention to exclude organs of state from the application of the Bill? (Cf. paragraph 3.2 of the Memorandum on the Objects of the Bill read with clause 5(2)(a) of the Bill.)
- What threshold value is contemplated in order to achieve the objects of the Bill? (Clause 5(2)(b)(i) of the Bill.)
- Is it the intention to require that the exemption in clause 5(2)(b) only applies when both the "threshold" and "supply chain" tests are met? (Cf. paragraph 3.2 of the Memorandum on the Objects of the Bill read with clause 5(2)(b)(ii) of the Bill.)
- 4. Is it the intention to have an unbalanced allocation of statutory rights in fixed-term contracts? (Clause 14(1) of the Bill). Attention is needed to the consequences of imposing a statutory period for termination of fixed-term contracts, and to the automatic continuation of fixed-term contracts.

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