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GENERAL NOTICE

**NOTICE 574 OF 2005
DEPARTMENT OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY
CONSUMER AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**

In terms of the provisions of section 8(4) of the Consumer Affairs (Unfair Business Practices) Act, 1988 (Act No 71 of 1988), notice is hereby given that the Consumer Affairs Committee intends undertaking an investigation in terms of section 8(1)(b) of the said Act into the utilization of communications and documents, which simulate legal or judicial processes, by attorneys and other entities (other than debt collectors), in attempting to collect claims for outstanding debt.

Debt collectors are excluded from the investigation because their use of communications which simulate legal or judicial processes are prohibited by R.663 published in Government Gazette 24867 dated 16 May 2003

Any person may within a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this notice make written representations regarding the above-mentioned investigation to: The Director: Consumer Investigations Directorate, Private Bag X84, PRETORIA, 0001. Tel: 012-394-1542, Fax: 012-394-2542/0156, E-mail: ebimo@thedti.gov.za
