

Call for objections: FIFA request for trade marks

FIFA has applied for certain words and emblems to be trade marked so their use is prohibited except by FIFA and those FIFA has given rights. The Minister of Trade and Industry has invited written objections to FIFA's request, as is required by Section 13 of the **Merchandise Marks Act 1941 (Act 17 of 1941)**.

Interested persons are invited to submit, in writing, any objections to Mr Netshitenzhe, Director of Commercial Law and Policy, Pretoria 0001, fax number: (012) 394 2506 or email address McDonaldN@thedti.gov.za.

The closing date for objections is 2 August 2007.

This request for objections was published, through **notice 787 of 2007** in the government gazette, on 21 June 2007, made available on 2 July 2007.

The Minister of Trade and Industry will take into account objections from the public as well as the principles within South Africa's legislation in this area when he decides whether or not to grant the requested trade marks.

The Government acknowledges FIFA's intellectual property rights as one of its **guarantees**. <http://www.sa2010.gov.za/government/guarantees.php>. Protection of intellectual property and marketing rights will be done in accordance with current South African **legislation**.
http://www.sa2010.gov.za/government/merchandise_marks.php.

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Trade Marks Act, 1993 (Act 194 of 1993)

Merchandise Marks Act, 1941 (Act 17 of 1941)

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