

**NOTICE**

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Dear Stakeholder

**UPDATE ON THE EXEMPTION APPLICATION IN RESPECT OF THE DRAFT IDENTIFICATION OF ENGINEERING WORK (IDOEW) REGULATIONS, CASE # 2014 APRIL 0123**

ECOSA attended a workshop hosted by the Competition Commission (CC) on 17 November 2015. The theme of the workshop was; Using Competition Assessment to Achieve Better Regulation.

The facilitator was Ms Ania Thiemann, Head of Global Relation at OECD (The Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development).

The OECD provides a forum in which governments can work together to share experiences and seek solutions to common problems. They work with governments to understand what drives economic, social and environmental change. They measure productivity and global flows of trade and investment. They analyse and compare data to predict future trends. They set international standards on a wide range of things, from agriculture and tax to the safety of chemicals. South Africa is a participant to this body but not a full member.

The workshop was actually a very generic presentation and did not get into any detail of the specifics of the identification of work of the different Built Environment Professional Council's (BEPCs). It did explain the preferred approach to be followed when assessing a perceived anti-competitive regulation.

One example that was used was an actual study done in Greece on the regulation of tobacco sales.

The following link provides access to the toolkit used internationally to assess regulations and their impact on competition [www.oecd.org/competition/toolkit](http://www.oecd.org/competition/toolkit) .

Since the presentation was not helpful to the BEPCs, It was resolved that the Council for the Built Environment (CBE) would facilitate a meeting with the CC and all the BEPCs together to discuss mainly the lack of progress in finalising the exemptions.

The CBE is in the process of confirming dates. We anticipate having the meeting early in the New Year.



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