

NOTICE 1567 OF 2005

COMPETITION TRIBUNAL

NOTIFICATION OF COMPLAINT REFERRAL

The Competition Tribunal gives notice in terms of section 51(3) and (4) of the Competition Act 89 of 1998 as amended that on 26 July 2005 the Tribunal received an application for confirmation of the agreement between the Commission and the USA Citrus Alliance as a Consent Order in terms of section 49D(1) of the Competition Act, as amended,

The application follows a complaint lodged by Diversified Citrus Marketing (Complainant) against the USA Citrus Alliance (Respondent) with the Commission during May 2004 alleging that the Respondent is colluding by indirectly fixing the selling price of the citrus fruit in the United States of America (USA) market, restricting the volume of citrus fruit that may be exported to the USA market, regulating the importers with whom the Respondent's members may contract and obliging the Respondent's members to use particular shipping services, fixing trading conditions and dividing a market in contravention of section 4 of the Act.

(Case number 67/CR/Jul05)

The Chairperson

Competition Tribunal