

Finalisation of the Textiles / Clothing Sector Development Strategy and Programmes

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<p>Step 6: Write Version 3 of the CSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Based on this consensus with labour, Version 3 was finalised and presented before government, quasi-government institutions, labour, manufacturers and retailers on 10 October 2005. • Though Woolworths and Edgars were present, they stated that they did not represent other retailers. • CloTrade needed a mandate from members to accept changes made despite acknowledging that Version 3 contained some valuable strategy steps that could be endorsed. • the dti had a bilateral meeting on 21 October 2005 with Edcon, Foschini, Truworhts and Woolworths to discuss their dissatisfaction over the process (allegedly not invited), participation of labour (Section 77) and content of Version 3. Preferred to engage bilaterally with the dti. • TexFed and Retailers' comments of 26 October 2005 in writing were discussed and incorporated in Version 3.1 at the stakeholder's meeting attended by TexFed, SACTWU, Seardel and Woolworths on 01 November 2005.

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<p>Step 6: Write Version 3 of the CSP</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 07 November 2005, the dti requested an urgent meeting with business (TexFed, CloTrade and Retailers) to finalise Version 3.1. In response, business requested a postponement to 02 December 2005 to present their input. • On 08 December 2005, the dti met with labour to consider and incorporate business input wherever possible. • the dti on 19 December 2005 disseminated the final version of the CSP document as the version that would be presented to the Minister and ExBO • On 03 January 2006, business disseminated a letter stating that they are unable to support the latest version of the CSP due to the process followed and content.
<p>Step 7: Ministerial meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 23 January 2006, The Minister of Trade and Industry, Mandisi Mpahlwa held a meeting with the dti to evaluate the concerns raised by business, most of which had been accommodated in the document.
<p>Step 8: Ministerial meeting</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • On 24 April 2006, the Minister of Trade and Industry, Mandisi Mpahlwa held a meeting with Stakeholders.

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<p>Step 9: Meeting with Act. DDG: TISA</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 05 May 2006, the Acting Deputy Director General: TISA, Mxolisi Matshamba, met with stakeholders to finalise refinements to the document. At this meeting the bargaining council issue arose as a contentious issue.
<p>Step 10: Meeting with Act. DG: Trade and Industry</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> On 16 May 2006, the Acting Director General: Trade and Industry, Tshediso Matona, met with stakeholders to resolve the 3 contentious issues of localisation, bargaining council and the implementation structure.
<p>Step 11 Receive inputs, amend and revise implementation structure</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Business responded with input by 26 May 2006. The dti amended the relevant sections of the document as well as the implementation structure and circulated to labour and business for comment.
<p>Step 12: Final round of discussions with stakeholders</p>	<p>Before end June 2006</p>
<p>Step 13: Present CSP document to ExBO for approval</p>	<p>After endorsement by stakeholders</p>

Conclusion

- ☑ Despite being caught between the two diametrically opposed positions of business and SACTWU, **the dti** has made every effort to engage all stakeholders to reach a common ground.
- ☑ The document is close to finalisation.

Thank You



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