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R 8 Million worth of siezed goods destroyed

Following a recent six-week blitz conducted by the NRCS at Cape Town and Durban ports and at City Deep in Johannesburg, confiscated non-compliant products have been destroyed.

South Africa's Department of Trade and Industry oversaw the destruction of more than 300 000 non-compliant products valued at R8-million, in Pretoria.

The goods were seized during raids by the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications in an ongoing effort to protect South African consumers from sub- standard products and producers from unfair competition.



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Minister for Trade and Industry, Rob Davies said: "The goods are not only destroyed to defend our consumers against sub-standard products, but also the South African producers against unfair competition from those who either produce the same products, or more typically, import from all sort of borders,"

Davies said that technical regulations and compulsory specifications for goods were "crucial" to stop these types of products from coming on to the market.

He added that the government was "committed to locking out non-compliant products", and that most of these products "were being sold to poor people who often do not yet have access to the necessary information on safety standards and their rights in this regard".

Some of the non-compliant products which were destroyed included steam irons, plugs, paraffin stoves, swimming aids, chemicals, cellphone chargers, paraffin stoves, child restraints and tyres.

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