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GOVERNMENT TO CLAMP DOWN ON DODGY IMPORTS

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The government and regulators are determined to redouble their efforts to clamp down on illegal imports. Speaking at a function hosted by the National Regulator for Compulsory Specifications (NRCS) in Durban earlier this week, Minister of Trade and Industry, Dr Rob Davies said: “The majority of South African companies and industry associations do comply with the standards set by the NRCS. We need to up our game in making sure that those who do not comply do so and encourage collaborations with various stakeholders, including the private sector, that will lead to fair competition while protecting consumers and manufacturers.”

His belief is that strengthening partnerships with other government departments and the private sector would tighten the regulation activities and sustain and encourage fair competition while protecting consumers against unethical and exploitative trade practices.

Speaking at the same functions the Chief Executive Officer of the NRCS, Asogan Moodley, said the NRCS to date had confiscated approximately 15 million non-compliant products to the value of R10.2 million.

NRCS inspectors confiscated non-complying products at mostly ports of entry while conducting market surveillance aimed at ensuring compliance with compulsory specifications and eradicating unsafe products.

Moodley urged South Africans to be more aware of the damage that unchecked goods can do to the sustainability of businesses and the health of consumers.



Minister of Trade and Industry Rob Davies