

## **Briefing Note: TIPS reviews of manufacturing sub-sectors**

Industrial policy aims to promote diversification and tailor interventions to the needs of individual manufacturing industries. But meeting these objectives often proves difficult because the national statistical system only provides limited data on industries within manufacturing. Moreover, the available information is scattered between a variety of publications and sources.

To address this gap, TIPS has completed a series of briefing notes on the main manufacturing sub-sectors. For each, the notes provide information on the contribution to the GDP, employment, profitability and assets, the market structure and dominant producers, major inputs and international trade. They draw primarily on Statistics South Africa, Quantec and Who Owns Whom.

The manufacturing sub-sectors covered are: food processing; beverages; clothing, textiles, footwear and leather; heavy chemicals and petroleum refining; other chemicals, rubber and plastics; transport equipment; capital equipment; wood and paper; publishing and printing; metals and metal products; electronics and appliances; glass and non-metallic minerals; and furniture and other manufacturing.

The briefing notes will be updated at least annually. They are available at [www.tips.org.za](http://www.tips.org.za).