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Dear Interested Party,

Ingham's Group Ltd's (Ingham's) application for authorisation – AA1000527 – final determination

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has issued its final determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Ingham's on 6 August 2020. Ingham's sought authorisation on behalf of itself, Turosi, Hazeldene, and the Australian Chicken Meat Federation to coordinate the production, processing and supply of chicken meat products in Victoria. The application was lodged in response to the imposition of restrictions on the workforce of meat processors by the Victorian Government, as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

A copy of Ingham's application is available on the ACCC's public register.

Final determination

A copy of the ACCC's final determination and summary of its reasons is attached. For the reasons set out in its final determination, the ACCC has decided to grant authorisation until 31 December 2020. Authorisation is subject to conditions that allow the ACCC to monitor the authorised conduct.

A copy of the final determination is also available on the ACCC's public register.

Application for review

Pursuant to section 101 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010*, a person dissatisfied with this determination may apply to the Australian Competition Tribunal for its review. An application for review must be made within 21 days of the date of this determination; that is, on or before 19 November 2020. If no application to review is lodged by this date, the ACCC's determination will come into effect on 20 November 2020.

An application for review of the ACCC's determination should be lodged directly with the Australian Competition Tribunal. The Australian Competition Tribunal is a separate body from the ACCC and is located within the Federal Court of Australia.

For further information about the process involved in reviewing decisions in the Australian Competition Tribunal, please refer to the Tribunal's website.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter please contact Mandy Bendelstein on 02 3102 4037 or by email exemptions@accc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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