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Dear Sir/Madam

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National Honda Dealer Council Limited application for authorisation AA1000528– interim authorisation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has decided to grant interim authorisation in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by the National Honda Dealer Council Limited (**NHDC**) on 21 August 2020.

Interim authorisation protects the arrangements for which authorisation is sought from legal action under the relevant provisions of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) while the ACCC considers and evaluates the merits of the application.

NHDC is seeking authorisation¹ under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth). Authorisation would give it legal protection to engage in collective bargaining with Honda Australia Pty Ltd (**Honda**) on behalf of Honda Dealers identified in the application.

Next steps

For your information, the next step in the process is for the ACCC to release a draft determination which will take account of any submissions from NHDC and interested parties, and will indicate the ACCC's preliminary views on the merits of the application. The ACCC will give both NHDC and interested parties the opportunity to provide a further submission on the draft determination before the ACCC issues its final decision.

As noted in the attached decision, the ACCC may review its decision on interim authorisation at any time. In this regard the ACCC will reconsider this decision at the time of issuing its draft determination. The ACCC's decision in relation to interim authorisation should not be taken to be indicative of whether or not final authorisation will be granted by the ACCC.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Hannah Ransom on 02 6243 1255 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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¹ For information about Authorisations, please see <https://www.acc.gov.au/business/exemptions/authorisation>