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Dear Ms Reid

**Coles Group Limited - application authorisation AA1000477 – ACCC decision regarding request for inclusion in interim authorisation**

I refer to your request on 30 March 2020 that Liquor Stax Australia, a member of Retail Drinks Australia, obtain the protection of the interim authorisation granted on 26 March 2020 to Coles Group Limited and other specified grocery retailers (the **Interim Authorisation**), to enable Liquor Stax Australia to discuss, enter into or give effect to any recommendation made by the Supermarket Taskforce or the main working sub-committee of the Taskforce, that is approved by the Minister, at any time.

In accordance with paragraph 25 of the Interim Authorisation, the ACCC has decided to approve Retail Drinks Australia's request for Liquor Stax Australia to obtain the protection of the Interim Authorisation on the condition that Liquor Stax Australia will be covered by the Interim Authorisation only in relation to conduct that is limited to implementing recommendations of the Supermarket Taskforce, or the main working sub-committee of the Supermarket Taskforce, that have been approved by the Minister for Home Affairs.

**Duration of interim authorisation**

The conditional interim authorisation will remain in effect until the ACCC makes a final determination regarding the application for authorisation made by Coles Group Ltd, or revokes the Interim Authorisation. Coles Group Limited has requested authorisation for six months from the date of the ACCC's final determination.

**Reconsideration of interim authorisation**

The ACCC may review a decision on interim authorisation at any time, including in response to feedback raised following interim authorisation. The ACCC's decision in relation to the interim authorisation should not be taken to be indicative of whether or not the final authorisation will be granted.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter, please do not hesitate to contact Louisa Wilson on (03) 9290 1474.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joanne Palisi', with a light blue circular stamp or watermark behind it.

Joanne Palisi  
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