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27 April 2005

Dear Sir/Madam

**Re: South Australian Oyster Growers Association applications for authorisation  
A60024 and A60025 - request for interim authorisation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has decided to grant interim authorisation in respect of the applications for authorisation lodged by the South Australian Oyster Growers Association (SAOGA) on 27 April 2005.

SAOGA has sought authorisation in relation to the imposition of a levy on purchasers of oyster spat sold for cultivation within South Australia.

Interim authorisation protects the arrangements for which authorisation is sought from legal action under the relevant provisions of the *Trade Practices Act 1974* while the ACCC considers and evaluates the merits of the application.

*Summary of ACCC considerations*

The ACCC has considered the request for interim authorisation and has decided to grant interim authorisation until it issues a determination in this matter (unless circumstances warrant revocation or amendment of the interim authorisation at an earlier stage).

In assessing the request for interim authorisation the ACCC considered that there is likely to be little, if any, public detriment in allowing the arrangements to proceed in the short term given that it is likely to have the effect of maintaining the status quo.

Please be advised that 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.

*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 SAOGA and interested parties and will indicate the ACCC's preliminary views on the merits of the application. The



ACCC will provide both SAOGA and interested parties with the opportunity to provide a further submission on the draft determination before the ACCC issues its final decision.

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 Michael Green on 03 9290 1960.

Yours sincerely

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