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Dear Mr Byrne

**Application for authorisation lodged by the  
Federation of Australian Wool Organisations**

Thank you for your letter of 27 September seeking comments on the proposed authorisation lodged by the Federation on Australian Wool Organisation (FAWO) to implement a levy of \$1.50 on each bale of wool sold at auction or private treaty for the purpose of raising funds for a test marketing campaign for the promotion of the Australian wool industry.

We are not in a position to comment on the public benefits or detriments to flow from the proposed arrangements, but consider that the proposed measure would not contravene Australia's WTO obligations.

Yours sincerely

Christopher Langman  
First Assistant Secretary  
Office of Trade Negotiations

