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Dear Ms Oddie

**Application for revocation and substitution (A90994-6) lodged by Medicines
Australia Inc - request for interim authorisation**

I refer to your client's request for interim authorisation in respect of its application for authorisation of the 15th edition of its Code of Conduct (the Code) which it lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) on 29 November 2005.

Following discussions between your client and staff from the ACCC on 19 May 2005 and 29 November 2005, I understand that your client was planning to allow the 15th edition of the Code to take effect from 1 January 2006.

Considering the date when the application was lodged and that some issues have been raised by interested parties, the ACCC will not be in a position to make a decision on interim authorisation before the end of 2005. It anticipates, however, that it will be able to consider the request for interim authorisation before the end of January 2006.

As you are aware, your client will not have immunity from legal action under the *Trade Practices Act 1974* in respect of the 15th edition of the Code until such time as the ACCC either grants interim authorisation or a final determination granting authorisation comes into effect. However, authorisations A90779-80 still remain in force, and as such your client continues to have immunity in relation to the 14th edition of the Code until the end of 2006.



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 Bronwyn Davis on (02) 6243 1363.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Hatfield', written in a cursive style.

David Hatfield
A/g General Manager
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