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Mr Scott Gregson
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Australian Competition and Consumer Commission
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Dear Mr Gregson

Application for revocation and substitution (A90994-6) lodged by Medicines Australia

I refer to a letter dated 5 December 2005 addressed to the Secretary of this Department from Isabelle Arnaud, Director Ajudication Branch, concerning the above matter.

We support the issue of an interim authorisation to Medicines Australia to enable implementation of Edition 15 of its Code of Conduct at an early date. However, our final agreement to acceptance of the Code is subject to the satisfactory resolution of a matter covered in Section 5 of the Code which requires further consultation and finalisation.

The submission from Medicines Australia, in section 4.6 on page 6, refers to consultation and negotiation with the National Coordinating Committee on Therapeutic Goods (NCCTG) in regard to starter packs. NCCTG has not at this stage given its final agreement to the content of the Code in regard to this matter. However, it is expected that NCCTG will shortly consider the matter further and that resolution will be achieved.

Thank you for consulting us about this proposal.

Yours sincerely

John Galloway
Chief Pharmacist

