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The General Manager
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Dear Sir/Madam,

Medicines Australia application re authorisation for its Code of Conduct (Edition 15)

I refer to your letter dated 5 December 2005 relating to the above application by Medicines Australia to revoke authorisation for its existing Code of Conduct (Edition 14) and substitute a replacement authorisation for Edition 15 of its Code.

Merck Sharp & Dohme (Australia) Pty Limited, as a member company of Medicines Australia, is fully supportive of its application to the Australian Competition & Consumer Commission.

Merck Sharp & Dohme believes that the Code of Conduct provides effective guidance on promotional activities for prescription medicines to the pharmaceutical industry and that the public benefits which derive from the arrangements for which authorisation is being sought outweigh any detriment.

Yours sincerely,

Will Delaat