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The General Manager
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Australian Competition & Consumer Commission
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Dear Sir/Madam

I refer to your letter of 5 December 2005 to the Secretary of the Department of Human Services concerning application for revocation and substitution no A90994-6 lodged by Medicines Australia Inc in respect of its Code of Conduct 15th edition. Your letter has been forwarded to me for reply.

I am advised that, while the National Coordinating Committee on Therapeutic Goods (NCCTG) has been considering in collaboration with Medicines Australia amendments to the Code relating to starter packs, it has not yet endorsed them. It is still considering whether further amendments to the starter pack section are needed. However, the updating of the Code as set out in Edition 15 is seen as providing improved accountability and standards around the possession of starter packs by pharmaceutical company personnel.

The application from Medicines Australia Inc is therefore supported.

Yours sincerely

Paul Smith
Director
Drugs Policy and Services

