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Dear Sir/ Madam

Thank you for your letter of 5 December 2005 in relation to an Application for revocation and substitution of a Code of Conduct lodged by Medicines Australia Inc. I understand that Medicines Australia Inc is seeking authorisation for Edition 15 of its Code of Conduct.

I am advised that in developing the provisions for starter packs in section 5 of the Code of Conduct, Medicines Australia Inc has consulted with the National Coordinating Committee on Therapeutic Goods (NCCTG). These provisions are intended to implement Recommendation 12 of the Council of Australian Governments' Review of Drugs, Poisons and Controlled Substances Legislation ('the Galbally Review'). I understand that the NCCTG has not formally endorsed section 5 of the Code of Conduct, although this is anticipated to occur in April 2006.

I note that Medicines Australia Inc requested a 6-year authorisation for Edition 14 of the Code and that the ACCC granted it a 3-year authorisation. Notwithstanding the issues raised above, I would support a 3-year rather than a 5-year authorisation for Edition 15 of the Medicines Australia Inc Code of Conduct.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Yours sincerely

Mr Ian Thompson  
A/g Chief Executive

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