



**Australian
Competition &
Consumer
Commission**

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Generic Medicines Industry Association Pty Ltd (GMiA) applications for authorisation [A91218 & A91219] - interested party consultation

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has received applications for authorisation from the Generic Medicines Industry Association (GMiA). The ACCC invites you to comment on the applications. Attached is a summary of the authorisation process including how to make a submission to the ACCC.

The GMiA is seeking authorisation for the 2nd edition of its Code of Practice (Code). GMiA members are proposing to introduce and be bound by the Code which includes provision for taking disciplinary action against GMiA members who breach the Code.

A full copy of the applications for authorisation is available on the ACCC's website <www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister>. Alternatively, you can contact Monica Bourke on (02) 6243 1351 to obtain a hard copy of the application and submission.

Request for submissions

The ACCC invites you to make a submission on the likely public benefits and effect on competition, or any other public detriment, from the Code. For example, you may wish to provide your views on the following:

1. How will the Code be effective in monitoring and regulating the conduct of GMiA member companies?
2. What are the public benefits likely to flow from granting authorisation to the Code?
3. What is the detriment to competition and/or the public resulting from the Code?

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to the GMiA's applications for authorisation, please do so by **Thursday 29 April 2010**.

Alternatively, if you would like to provide comments orally, please contact Monica Bourke on (02) 6243 1351 to organise a suitable time.

*This letter, with
enclosures, was
sent to the
attached list of
interested parties.*

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Submissions, including oral submissions, will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion (guidelines are attached).

Timetable

The ACCC will progress its assessment of the applications in a timely manner. An indicative timetable is set out below for your information.

31 March 2010	Lodgement of applications and supporting submission.
7 April 2010	Public consultation process begins.
29 April 2010	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
May 2010	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
June/July 2010	Draft determination.
July/August 2010	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
August/September 2010	Final determination.

Please advise if you do not wish to make a submission at this time, but would like to be informed of the progress of the applications at the draft and final determination stages. If you are able to, please provide a nominated contact email address for future correspondence.

You can also forward this letter to any other party who may wish to make a submission to the ACCC regarding the applications.

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 Monica Bourke on (02) 6243 1351 or alternatively via email at monica.bourke@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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GMiA applications for authorisation A91218-A91219
List of interested parties consulted 7.4.10

Alchemia Limited
Alphapharm Pty Ltd
Apotex Pty Ltd
Arana Therapeutics Limited
Ascent Pharmaceuticals (Genepharma (Australia) Limited)
Aspen Pharmacare Australia
AusBiotech Ltd
Australasian Society of Clinical and Experimental Pharmacologists and Toxicologists
Australian Advertising Federation
Australian Dental Association
Australian Institute of Medical Scientists
Australian Medical Association
Australian Nursing Federation
Australian Physiotherapy Association
Australian Psychological Society
Australian Veterinary Practice Management Association
Biological Therapies
CHOICE
Circadian Technologies Ltd
CMPMedica Australia Pty Ltd
Collagen Biomedical Pty Ltd
Consumers' Federation of Australia
Consumers' Health Forum of Australia
Datapharm Australia
Department of Health and Ageing, Therapeutic Goods Administration
Department of Health and Ageing
Department of Health (ACT)
Department of Health (New South Wales)
Department of Health (South Australia)
Department of Health (Queensland)
Department of Health (Western Australia)
Department of Health and Community Services (Northern Territory)
Department of Health and Human Services (Tasmania)
Dieticians Association of Australia
Doctors' Reform Society
Ferring Pharmaceuticals Pty Ltd
Health Consumers of Rural and Remote Australia Inc
Galderma Australia Pty Ltd
Generic Health
GroPep Pty Ltd
Healthy Skepticism Inc
Hexal Australia Pty Ltd
Hospira Pty Limited
Key Pharmaceuticals Pty Ltd
Link Medical Products Pty Ltd
Mayne Pharma Pty Ltd
Medical Developments Australia

Medicines Australia
National Health and Medical Research Council
National Herbalists Association of Australia
National Prescribing Service Ltd
Parexel Australia
Parliamentary Secretary for Health's Office
Pharmaceutical Society of Australia
Pharmacy Guild of Australia
Probiotec (Australia) Pty Ltd
Progen Industries Ltd
Public Interest Advocacy Centre
Royal Australian College of General Practitioners
Royal Australasian College of Physicians
School of Pharmacy and Medical Sciences
School of Public Health
Sigma Pharmaceuticals Limited
The Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia
Therapeutic Goods Administration
Virax Holdings Ltd