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Dear Dr Chadwick,

RE: Generic Medicines Industry Association Pty Ltd (GMiA) – request for interim authorisation

The Pharmaceutical Society of Australia (PSA) is the peak professional organisation representing some 75 per cent of pharmacists across Australia. PSA's core functions are: supporting pharmacists' commitment to high standards of patient care; providing continuing professional development, education and practice support; and representing their role as frontline health professionals.

I am writing in response to your letter dated 29 June 2010 regarding GMiA's request for interim authorisation for the 2nd edition of its Code of Practice (Code). PSA understands the request has been prompted by a complaint about the conduct of a member company under the Code and that the GMiA is reluctant for the Complaints Committee to convene to review the complaint without authorisation.

As you would be aware, PSA made a submission in April 2010 supporting the authorisation of the Code. PSA's position remains unchanged and therefore we have no objections to interim authorisation being granted.

Please contact me if PSA can assist further in this matter.

Yours sincerely,



Bryan Stevens
Chief Executive Officer