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Dear Mr Tebbey

**AgStewardship Australia Limited application for minor variation of authorisation
A91105 - request for interim authorisation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has decided to grant interim authorisation in respect of the application for minor variation of authorisation A91105 lodged by AgStewardship Australia Limited on 20 April 2011. A copy of the ACCC's decision is attached.

Interim authorisation protects the arrangements for which a minor variation is sought from legal action under the relevant provisions of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* while the ACCC considers and evaluates the merits of the application.

Interim authorisation commences immediately, and will remain in place until the date that the ACCC's final determination comes into effect or unless revoked.

The ACCC may review its decision on interim authorisation at any time. The ACCC's decision in relation to interim authorisation should not be taken to be indicative of whether or not the proposed minor variation will be approved.

Next steps

For your information, the next step in the process is for the ACCC to release a determination which will take account of any submissions from AgStewardship and interested parties and will indicate the ACCC's views on the merits of the application. The ACCC anticipates releasing a determination in relation to this application in June 2011.

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 Gareth Jamieson on (02) 6243 4980 or by email at gareth.jamieson@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'R Chadwick', written in a cursive style.

Dr Richard Chadwick
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