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Dear Sir/Madam

**Medicines Australia Limited application for revocation of authorisations A91316-A91320 and substitution of new authorisations A91436-A91440  
– request for interim authorisation**

Medicines Australia has requested interim authorisation for edition 18 of its Code of Conduct, which is a voluntary industry code of conduct for the prescription medicines industry in Australia.

Medicines Australia has sought interim authorisation since the ACCC will not make a final determination in relation to edition 18 of the Code before authorisation of edition 17 expires on 11 January 2015. Medicines Australia's submission in support of interim authorisation is attached.

Interim authorisation protects the arrangements for which authorisation 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.

The ACCC decides whether to grant interim authorisation on a case by case basis, taking into account a range of factors, including:

- harm to the applicant and other parties if interim is or is not granted
- possible benefit and detriment to the public
- the urgency of the matter and
- whether the market would be able to return to substantially its pre-interim state if the ACCC should later deny authorisation.

If you intend to provide a submission in relation to Medicines Australia's request for interim authorisation please do so by **20 November 2014**. Please email your submission to [adjudication@acc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@acc.gov.au) with the subject "A91436-A91440 – Medicines Australia Limited – submission". I understand that this is a short timeframe for submissions, if you would like to make a short oral submission feel free to contact Tess Macrae on (03) 9290 1835.

Submissions, including oral submissions, will be placed on the ACCC's public register subject to any request for exclusion. Please see the ACCC's publication [Guidelines for excluding information from the public register](#).

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

A copy of 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 Tess Macrae on (03) 9290 1835 or Darrell Channing on (02) 6243 4925.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized initial 'R' followed by a long horizontal line.

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