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Dear Ms Crosbie

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

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has decided to grant interim authorisation in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by Medicines Australia on 2 July 2014. The interim authorisation is for Medicines Australia's Code of Conduct in terms of edition 17. A copy of the ACCC decision 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.

Next steps

The ACCC has granted interim authorisation to enable Medicines Australia to continue to give effect to the Code of Conduct in terms of edition 17 while the ACCC is finalising its consideration of edition 18 of the Code. The ACCC anticipates releasing a final determination on this matter in the first quarter of 2015.

As noted in the attached decision, 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 final authorisation will be granted by the ACCC.

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, appearing to be 'Richard Chadwick'.

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