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Dear Mr Scuderi

British American Tobacco Australia Limited & Ors application for authorisation A91550 —interested party consultation

I refer to the above mentioned application for authorisation lodged with the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) on 25 August 2016.

Consultation

Please find enclosed, for your information, a copy of the letter the ACCC sent today to potentially interested parties as part of its public consultation process.

All publicly available submissions will be posted on the ACCC internet site at www.accc.gov.au/AuthorisationsRegister.

Timetable

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

25 August 2016	Lodgement of application and supporting submission.
31 August 2016	Public consultation process begins.
21 September 2016	Closing date for submissions from interested parties.
October 2016	Applicant responds to issues raised in the public consultation process.
November 2016	Draft determination.
December 2016/January 2017	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
January/February 2017	Final determination.

Request for material to be excluded from the public register

I have considered your request that the proposed Anti-illicit Tobacco Cooperation Deed provided with the application be excluded from the ACCC's public register.

As you are aware, the ACCC is generally required under section 89 of the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (the Act) to place documents provided to it in relation to an application for authorisation on the ACCC's public register. The Act provides that a person submitting a document in relation to an authorisation application may request that the document or parts thereof be excluded from the public register by reason of the nature of certain information contained in the document.

As a person authorised to make a decision for and on behalf of the ACCC in relation to such a request, I advise that the Anti-illicit Tobacco Cooperation Deed will not be placed on the public register.

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 Hannah Ransom on (02) 6243 1255 or adjudication@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely



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