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***Sent via email***

Dear Sir / Madam

**eRx Script Exchange Pty Ltd (eRx) application for authorisation A91579 –  
draft determination**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has issued a draft determination in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by eRx on 28 April 2017.

As you may recall, eRx is seeking authorisation to continue a revenue sharing arrangement with IP MDS Pty Ltd (formerly MediSecure Pty Ltd) to facilitate the interoperability between the parties' electronic pharmaceutical prescription exchange systems.

**Draft determination**

A copy of the ACCC's draft determination and summary of its reasons is attached.

For the reasons set out in its draft determination, the ACCC proposes to grant authorisation until 30 June 2020.

**Next steps**

Once the ACCC issues a draft determination, the Applicant or any interested party may make a written submission and/or request that the ACCC convene a 'pre-decision conference'.

If you wish to make a submission in response to the ACCC's draft determination, please lodge your submission by **14 September 2017**.

Submissions should be emailed to [adjudication@accc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@accc.gov.au) with the subject "A91579 – eRx Script Exchange Pty Ltd – submission".

A pre-decision conference provides the opportunity for interested parties to make oral submissions in relation to the draft determination. Conferences are conducted informally and while legal or professional advisers are able to attend they are not entitled to participate in the discussion.

If you wish the ACCC to hold a pre-decision conference in relation to the draft determination you must notify the ACCC in writing by **14 September 2017**.

The ACCC will consider any submissions it receives, including any oral submissions made should a pre-decision conference be called, and will then release a final determination in relation to this application.

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](#).

## Timetable

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

Indicative date	Stage in assessment process
28 April 2017	Lodgement of application and supporting submission, including request for interim authorisation.
10 May 2017	Public consultation process begins.
7 June 2017	ACCC decision regarding interim authorisation.
31 August 2017	Draft determination.
September/October	Public consultation on draft determination including any conference if called.
October/November	Final determination.

This letter has been placed on the ACCC's public register. If you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter please contact Jaime Martin on (03) 9290 1477 or [adjudication@accc.gov.au](mailto:adjudication@accc.gov.au).

Yours sincerely



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