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Dear Mr Hesse

**eRx Script Exchange Pty Ltd (eRx) application for authorisation A91579 — request for interim authorisation**

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the ACCC) has decided to grant interim authorisation in respect of the application for authorisation lodged by eRx on 28 April 2017. Interim authorisation commences immediately.

A copy of the ACCC's interim authorisation 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.

As noted in the interim authorisation decision, the ACCC's decision can be reviewed at any time and should not be taken to be indicative of whether or not final authorisation will be granted by the ACCC.

**Next steps**

As you would recall, the ACCC originally requested interested parties to provide submissions in relation to the substantive application for authorisation by 2 June 2017. At this time, the ACCC has only received one submission from the Pharmacy Guild of Australia, which has previously been provided to you. The ACCC will provide copies of any further submissions it receives in the future.

The next step in the process is for the ACCC to release a draft determination which will take account of any submissions from eRx and interested parties and will indicate the ACCC's preliminary views on the merits of the application. The ACCC is currently aiming to release a draft decision in July.

The ACCC will give eRx and interested parties the opportunity to provide a further submission on the draft determination before the ACCC issues its final decision.

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 at [jaime.martin@accc.gov.au](mailto:jaime.martin@accc.gov.au)).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'D Hatfield', is positioned above the printed name.

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