

Ellie Dwyer
Australian Competition and Consumer Commission

By email: adjudication@accc.gov.au

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Ref: MTAA - AA1000479

Dear Ms Dwyer,

ARCS Australia Limited is pleased to provide a letter of support for the application of authorisation by the Medical Technology Association of Australia (MTAA) as amended on 14 April 2020.

MTAA and its members are playing a vital role in the COVID-19 preparedness especially in light of potential medical technology shortages, local manufacturing and import of life-saving devices and supply and distribution of consumables and other products. It is therefore imperative that companies be allowed to coordinate according to the application to better meet short term and urgent demand following advice from health agencies.

At this stage ARCS has not identified potential adverse outcomes of the authorisation but believes that a coordinated approach and activities will benefit the community and the Australian health system.

ARCS Australia Limited is a national, membership-based organisation focused on the development and growth of the healthcare sector. ARCS provides education, career pathways, professional development and advocacy to the healthcare sector. Our membership is made up of individuals working in regulatory affairs, clinical research, health economics, medical information and other disciplines who work in the development and quality use of therapeutic goods. ARCS members are based in industry, academia, medical research institutes, government, hospitals and patient groups.

Please let me know if you require anything else at this stage of the consultation.

Kind regards

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