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Dear Sir/Madam

Coles Group Limited and other participating supermarkets AA1000627 – Interim authorisation decision

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (the **ACCC**) has granted interim authorisation with conditions to enable Coles Group Limited, Woolworths Group Limited and ALDI Stores (together, the **Participants**) and any Program Partners to engage in certain conduct in connection with an industry-led taskforce, to explore solutions to address the immediate effects of the suspension of the REDcycle program.

The interim authorisation commences immediately and will remain in place until it is revoked, the date on which the application for authorisation is withdrawn or the date the ACCC's final determination comes into effect.

The ACCC will continue to assess the substantive application for authorisation. We will contact you again shortly to invite consultation on the application for authorisation.

Background

On 16 November 2022, the ACCC received an application for authorisation and urgent interim authorisation to engage in certain conduct in connection with the Soft Plastics Taskforce, an industry-led taskforce, that will initially be chaired by the Department of Climate Change, Energy, the Environment and Water.

The Participants are seeking authorisation for a period of 12 months from the date of the ACCC's final determination.

Further information and a copy of the interim authorisation decision are available on the ACCC's [Public Register](#).

If you have any queries or concerns or would like to discuss any aspect of this letter, please contact Penny Bigham on (02) 3052 1221 or at penny.bigham@acc.gov.au.

Yours sincerely

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