25th February 2015

Our Ref: MJ/MOC

Re: Competition and Consumer Protection Act 2014 – Initial set of Draft Regulations

Dear Kieran,

I refer to your letter of 22nd December to our Chairman Mr. Denis Murphy regarding the above.

The initial set of Draft Regulations were considered and discussed at the meeting of the members of the Agency held on 3rd February.

The members requested me to write to you expressing their concern that:

- 1. No provision is made to prevent below cost selling
- 2. An Ombudsman is not appointed to support the implementation of the Regulations in the Draft Regulations
- 3. The special position of fresh perishable products is not recognised. I would refer you to the Agency's submissions in this regard.

Yours sincerely

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