Appendix 1 Continuing matters

Enforcement

The following is a list of enforcement matters before the Courts — in addition to the new and recently concluded matters reported in the Enforcement section.

Restrictive trade practices

CC (New South Wales) Ptv Ltd, Holland **Stolte Pty Ltd, Multiplex Constructions** Pty Ltd, Leighton Contractors Pty Ltd, **Australian Federation of Construction Contractors (AFCC) & ors**, ss 45, 52, 53, 55A. Alleged collusive tendering practices, misleading or deceptive conduct, false or misleading representations, conduct that is liable to mislead the public as to the nature, characteristics, suitability or quantity of any services. Proceedings instituted 30.8.94. Directions hearing 29.9.94 — Mr Russell Richmond, a former National Executive Director of the AFCC, announced that he would not defend the proceedings brought against him and consented to the entry of a judgment against him. On the same day AFCC informed the Court that it did not propose to take further part in the proceedings. 24.11.94 the Court imposed a penalty of \$10 000 on Mr Richmond.

5.5.95 Holland Stolte Pty Limited and Mr Graham Duff, a former Managing Director of Holland Stolte Pty Limited, withdrew their defences and consented to judgment. Penalties totalling \$400 000 were imposed against Holland Stolte, and \$50 000 against Mr Duff.

2.8.95 Lindgren J in the Federal Court ordered CC (NSW) Pty Ltd, Multiplex Constructions Pty Ltd and Leighton Contractors Pty Ltd to give the Commission discovery of documents relating to alleged collusive tendering practices in respect of the building project known as the Commonwealth Offices Haymarket project.

8.9.95 Lindgren J in the Federal Court imposed on Leighton Contractors Pty Ltd and Multiplex Constructions Pty Ltd the (previous) maximum penalty of \$250 000 for each of two offences and ordered each company to pay \$75 000 costs. Personal penalties were imposed on Mr Leonard Dixon, a chief estimator for Leighton (\$25 000) and Mr Geoffrey Thomas Palmer, a retired director of Multiplex (\$50 000). The penalties followed the withdrawal of defences by Leighton. Multiplex, Dixon and Palmer. The companies have also made full restitution to the Australian Government of the \$750 000 'unsuccessful tenderers fee' which each had received from the successful tenderer, Holland Stolte.

Proceedings are continuing against CC (NSW) Pty Ltd.

Garden City Cabs Co-operative Ltd, ss 45, 46. Alleged anti-competitive agreement. Proceedings instituted 22.7.94. Interlocutory decision handed down 15.3.95. TPC unsuccessful in obtaining an interlocutory injunction to restrain conduct as Cooper J said there was no serious question to be tried and the balance of convenience was against granting the orders sought. TPC filed Notice of Motion 22.3.95 seeking leave to appeal. TPC withdrew notice of appeal and matter to proceed to hearing.

21.5.96 ACCC granted leave to amend statement of claim and application. Trial date to be set.

Mobil Oil Australia Limited, BP Australia Limited, The Shell Company of Australia Limited & anor, ss 45, 45A. Alleged anti-competitive agreements concerning the retail prices of petrol. Proceedings instituted 23.11.94. Strike-out applications filed by the respondents were heard before Ryan J on 20.3.95. With the consent of all parties the ACCC filed a further amended statement of claim on 3.4.95. Respondents filed written submissions in response for the Court's

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consideration. On 9.9.96 Ryan J handed down his decision striking out the statement of claim and directing any further statement be filed within 30 days. New statement of claim filed by ACCC on 7.10.96. Further strike-out applications filed by the respondents. Hearing held 21–22.4.97. 5.6.97 Heerey J handed down his decision striking out the further amended statement of claim dated 7.10.96 and refusing leave to replead.

IMB Group Pty Ltd, Logan Lions Ltd, Redbeak Pty Ltd & ors, ss 47(6), 52. Alleged third line forcing and misleading or deceptive conduct in relation to financial planning and property development. Interlocutory proceedings commenced 6.9.93. Proceedings withdrawn 17.9.93. Proceedings recommenced 20.9.93. 20.9.94 judgment handed down ordering all respondents to file a list of discoverable documents. Hearing to consolidate this and related National Mutual proceedings 29.2.96.

Federal Court consolidated this and ACCC v National Mutual Life Association of Australasia Ltd (QG No. 77 of 1994) on 12.3.96.

National Mutual admitted that certain conduct alleged in the statement of claim contravened s. 52 of the Act and that it was indirectly involved in the conduct through its agent. National Mutual and the Commission agreed to a settlement. ACCC discontinued proceedings against National Mutual on 3.6.96.

Action against the agents, IMB Group Pty Ltd, and against Logan Lions Ltd and certain individuals continues. 18.4.97 Spender J directed that the matter be listed for trial. Trial date not yet set.

Mayo International Pty Ltd, s. 48. Alleged resale price maintenance in relation to supply of hair care products. Proceedings instituted in the Federal Court Brisbane 6.11.95. ACCC seeking permanent and mandatory injunctions as well as pecuniary penalties.

27.9.96 directions hearing before Judge relating to non-compliance by respondents to an order to file and serve witness statements. Timetable made for completion of respondents' affidavits in defence at this hearing. Spender J

directed that the matter be set down for trial despite outstanding issues concerning third party discovery. Third party discovery hearing 11.11.96. Notice of motion application to protect ACCC claim for privilege over third party discovery documents to be heard April 1997. Agreement reached between the parties regarding issue of privilege and third party discovery. Directions made by consent concerning timetable for preparations for trial.

J McPhee & Son (Australia) et al., s. 45. Alleged price fixing, and attempted price fixing, arrangements. Proceedings instituted in the Federal Court Melbourne 20.12.95. Respondents filed a strike-out application for mention on 2.5.96. Strike-out application set for hearing on 29.5.96. ACCC amended its statement of claim. Respondents filed a Notice of Motion to strike it out. Matter heard and a further amended statement of claim has been filed. Further and better particulars have also been served on the ACCC. Respondents have applied to have the Judge hearing the strike-out application discontinue hearing the matter. The respondents have also sought to cross claim against a number of ACCC witnesses.

Cromford Pty Limited, Australian Film and Pipe Manufacturers and Anross Investments Pty Limited, s. 45. Alleged price fixing, market sharing in relation to the supply of polythene building film and acquisition of polythene scrap plastic, and alleged resale price maintenance in relation to the supply of polythene building film. Proceedings instituted in Federal Court 29.12.95. ACCC is seeking penalties and injunctions.

Directions hearing 13.9.96 at which first (Cromford P/L) and fifth (Mr Kim Jones) respondents were ordered to file and serve all affidavits and verified list of documents by 4.10.96. ACCC ordered to file and serve affidavits in reply to sixth, seventh, and eighth respondents by 18.10.96. Fourth respondent (Mr Neville McDonnell) has withdrawn his defence.

Directions hearing 15.11.96 at which first (Cromford P/L), second (Columbus Merchants P/L trading as Australian Film and Pipe Manufacturers) and third (Anross Building

Materials P/L) respondents were ordered to file and serve a verified supplementary list of documents by way of further and better discovery by 6.12.96. ACCC ordered to file and serve any affidavits in reply to the affidavit of the fifth (Mr Kim Jones) respondent by 11.12.96.

Directions hearing 27.3.97 at which the parties were granted leave to approach the Registrar for a trial date.

Health Partners, ss 47(6), 47(7). Alleged third line forcing conduct by a South Australian health insurance provider against an Adelaide pharmacy which left the Chem Mart pharmacy chain and, as a result, had its contract to service Health Partners' members cancelled. Proceedings instituted 27.8.96. Trial before Mansfield J 21–23 April 1997. Judgment reserved.

Excel Concrete Pty Ltd, s. 45. Alleged price fixing and market sharing in the southern Queensland concrete market. Proceedings instituted 27.9.96. ACCC seeking penalties and injunctions.

N.T. Outback Adventure Rentals Pty Ltd (trading as Hertz Northern Territory), Alice Car & Truck Rentals Pty Limited (trading as Territory Rent-A-Car), NorthAust Auto Hire Pty Ltd (trading as Avis Northern Territory), Stafftoy Pty Limited (trading as Thrifty Car Rental), s. 45. Alleged price fixing conduct in relation to car rental in the Northern Territory. Proceedings instituted 2.10.96. Trial set down for 21.7.97.

Seven Network Limited, Nine Network Australia Pty Limited, Golden West Network Pty Limited and ors, ss 45, 47. Alleged anti-competitive agreement and exclusive dealing in relation to the provision of television programming in the Darwin and regional WA markets. Proceedings instituted 24.10.96. 25.10.96 Nine Network agreed to terminate its exclusive supply agreement with Seven Network, and ACCC agreed to withdraw its claims for declarations and pecuniary penalties against Nine Network and its employees. ACCC still seeking injunctions and pecuniary penalties against other respondents

and declaration as to the program supply agreement between Nine Network and Golden West Network.

Amended statement of claim filed 19.12.96. Next directions hearing 18.4.97.

Shell Company of Australia, ss 51AA, 53. Alleged misrepresentations regarding the nature of tenure under a Shell franchise agreement. Proceedings instituted 11.11.96. ACCC taking representative action, seeking compensation for loss or damages, injunctions and declarations. 18.12.96 Shell applied to strike out proceedings. 7.2.97 Justice Drummond refused the strike-out application but determined that the ACCC's representative action is to be made by Notice of Motion following findings of contraventions of the Act.

Australian Safeway Stores Pty Ltd (trading as Safeway) and George Weston Foods Limited (trading as Tip Top Bakeries), ss 45A, 48. Alleged price fixing and resale price maintenance in relation to the sale of bread in Victoria. Proceedings instituted 23.12.96. ACCC seeking penalties and injunctions.

30.5.97 Federal Court imposed penalty of \$1.25 million on George Weston Foods Limited, which admitted the contraventions. Safeway matter continues to trial.

Consumer protection

Venture Industries Pty Limited and Collings Construction Company Pty Limited, ss 51AB, 52. Alleged misleading, deceptive and unconscionable conduct in relation to building homes. Proceedings instituted 3.9.93 against Collings Construction Co Pty Limited, Wayne Collings, Venture Industries Pty Limited, Harry Kioussis, Penny Kioussis and June Collings. Representative action on behalf of seven families.

16.9.94 matter cross-vested to NSW Supreme Court. 28.9.95 Hunter J adopted report from Court-appointed referee. Trial before Hunter J from 9.10.95 to 28.11.95. In December 1995 Venture parties sought to overturn the cross-vesting of the matter from the Federal

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Court to the NSW Supreme Court. 23.5.96 application refused.

10.12.96 Hunter J found five of the respondents had breached s. 52. Damages of \$1 081 498.55 awarded to seven families represented by ACCC. No findings as to breaches of s. 51AB. No findings and no damages awarded against June Collings.

7.2.97 Hunter J made orders, including interest, against each of the five defendants found liable (effectively joint and several) of between \$1 412 798.92 and \$1 592 927.54, with a total award of \$1 618 507.24. Venture Industries Pty Ltd, Harry Kioussis and Penny Kioussis are generally restrained from holding a pecuniary interest in an organisation offering services which would require a licence under the Building Services Corporation Act 1989 (NSW). Venture Industries Pty, Harry Kioussis and Penny Kioussis sought a stay through the Court of Appeal, which was refused 17.3.97. Each of the five defendants found liable have appealed the decision. Collings Construction Co Pty Ltd and Wayne Collings were granted a conditional stay requiring payment of approx. \$113 000. Collings Construction and Wayne Collings sought a further stay of the conditional stay granted by Hunter J, which was refused in the Court of Appeal 14.4.97. The conditional stay is not now operational, the conditions not having been met.

Proceedings for contempt against fifth respondent, June Collings, commenced 12.4.96. Hearing date 23.6.97. Proceedings for contempt against sixth respondent, Penny Kioussis, commenced 6.9.96. Proceedings for contempt against fourth respondent, Harry Kioussis, commenced 11.3.97. Proceedings for contempt against Nick Milios commenced 18.3.97. Next directions for the latter three 11.7.97.

Reef Distributing Company Pty Ltd, ss 52, 53(bb), 53(e), 64. Alleged false and misleading representations in relation to the supply of agricultural products. Proceedings instituted in Federal Court Melbourne 8.9.95. Matter transferred to the Sydney Federal Court. Interlocutory injunction restraining Reef from proceeding with prosecution of any proceedings currently pending, and from instituting any new

proceedings to recover moneys for the price of agricultural goods. Court mediation continues.

Unilever Australia Limited, ss 52, 53(eb). Alleged misleading representations re the place of origin of tuna used in John West canned tuna products.

Proceedings instituted by Unilever against the ACCC in the Federal Court Sydney on 25.6.96 seeking declarations that Unilever had not acted in contravention of the Act. 26.6.96 ACCC commenced proceedings in the Federal Court Adelaide seeking declarations that statements by Unilever made in consumer newsletters, in TV advertisements, and in statements on the actual cans of tuna, regarding the origin of the tuna, were false and misleading.

ACCC alleged that at least half of the John West tuna products, canned over an 18-month period from January 1995, consisted entirely of tuna imported into Australia, some being partly processed overseas.

Unilever's major argument was that it was sufficient to claim Australian origin if the manufacturing process had itself occurred in Australia.

Sydney action withdrawn 25.9.96. Adelaide action heard by Mansfield J on 16–27.9.96. Judgment reserved.

Vales Wine Company Pty Ltd, s. 53. Alleged false representations in relation to vintage and description of quantities of bulk wine. 10.5.96 Vales and two of its former

wine. 10.5.96 Vales and two of its former directors, Michael Von Berg and Claude Curtis, convicted of false representations. Matter adjourned until 3.6.96 for submissions on penalty. Penalties of \$165 000 against company and \$10 000 each against two former directors handed down 24.9.96.

Appeal by the directors heard by Full Federal Court on 11.11.96. 19.12.96 appeals dismissed. Directors seeking special leave to appeal to the High Court, and that may be heard in September 1997.

Tasmania Distillery Pty Ltd, ss 53(eb). Alleged false or misleading representations about the place of origin and method of

manufacture and exclusivity of bottled spirit products. Proceedings instituted 31.7.96 in the Federal Court Hobart. Mediation held 10.3.97 and continued 5.5.97. Further directions hearing 21.7.97.

Anstar Holdings Pty Ltd, ss 52, 53(bb), 64. Alleged misleading or deceptive conduct in relation to invoices for unsolicited advertising. 10.7.96 proceedings instituted in the Federal Court Brisbane against Patrick O'Keeffe and Anstar Holdings Pty Ltd. ACCC seeking injunctions and other orders. Hearing for interlocutory injunction 26.9.96. Interlocutory injunction not granted. 15.11.96 further directions hearing. Matter progressing to trial. Last date for interlocutory steps 9.5.97. Request for further directions hearing due to failure by respondents to file final statements.

Stephen Gregory Wyer, Optell Pty Ltd, Geoffrey Allan Beckett, Clinton Wade **Andela**, ss 52, 53(aa),(bb),(c),(d),(f), 64. Alleged misleading and deceptive conduct in relation to business registers and consultancies. 9.8.96 proceedings instituted. 15.8.96 Finn J granted consent orders against Mr Wyer restraining him from carrying on the OSA and SAR schemes, freezing moneys obtained through the schemes and ordering him to forward any moneys obtained through the schemes to the ACCC or to the Court. 26.8.96 Finn J gave interlocutory orders against Optell and others preventing them from carrying on the register and consultancy businesses, and ordering them to forward to the ACCC moneys received in relation to the businesses. ACCC seeking permanent injunctions and other orders for corrective action.

6.9.96 Finn J ordered Optell and others to file and serve a defence by 27.9.96. Proceeding transferred to Brisbane. Next direction 9.5.97.

Email Ltd, Lovelock Luke Pty Ltd, ss 52, 53(eb). Alleged false and misleading representations about the place of origin of air conditioners. Significant component sourced outside Australia.

Proceedings instituted 22.8.96 in the Federal Court Sydney. Court timetable set. Awaiting hearing date to be allocated by the Court.

Golden Sphere International Inc, s. 61. Alleged promotion of pyramid selling schemes. 5.9.96 proceedings instituted against Golden Sphere International Inc, Pamela Joy Reynolds and Victor Michael Cottrill. 6.9.96 Court granted ex parte interim injunctions against the respondents, freezing their assets. 1.10.96 Court ordered interlocutory injunctions against the respondents restraining them from further promoting the scheme, and allowed ACCC to amend its application to begin a representative proceeding. Trial date to be set.

Top Snack Foods Pty Limited, ss 52, 59. Alleged misleading conduct in relation to selling franchises for the distribution of confectionery. 23.9.96 proceedings instituted in the Federal Court Sydney against Top Snack Foods Pty Limited, one of its directors and two of its employees. ACCC seeking compensation under s. 87 on behalf of five franchisees who allegedly lost financially and personally as a result of TSF's conduct. Matter listed for directions 29.8.97.

Australian Business Reports Pty Limited, ss 52, 64(2A). Alleged misleading representations in relation to the promotion of a business register. 11.12.96 proceedings instituted against Australian Business Reports Pty Limited and its director, Mr Gary Solah. 19.12.96 interlocutory injunction granted in the Federal Court Canberra. Final hearing to be held 18–20.8.97. ACCC seeking refunds, corrective advertising and corrective letters to clients.

Glendale Chemical Products Pty Ltd, ss 52, 53, 75AD, 75AF. Alleged inadequate labelling on caustic soda making product defective. Proceedings instituted 28.11.96. 3.12.96 Glendale provided undertakings to the court on an interlocutory basis. 24.2.97 ACCC filed statement of claim and amended application. Next directions hearing 22.8.97.

MNB Variety Imports Pty Ltd, s. 65C. Alleged supply of children's swimming aids and 'Sundance' and 'Ambershade' style sunglasses which do not comply with the relevant mandatory consumer product safety standards. Proceedings instituted 12.12.96. 3.4.97 MNB entered a plea of guilty in relation to the supply of swim aids and Sundance sunglasses. 1.5.97

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proceedings in relation to Ambershades dismissed. Awaiting date for penalty hearing.

Atmospherics Corporation Pty Ltd, Candy Point Pty Ltd (trading as Bocam Sales) and Nuline Distributors Pty Ltd, s. 65C. Alleged supply of fire extinguisher which does not comply with the relevant mandatory consumer product safety standard. 18.12.96 proceedings instituted in the Federal Court Melbourne. 10.1.97 interim orders granted restraining the companies from supplying a fire extinguisher branded 'Fireout'.

Destiny Telecomm International Inc.,

ss 57, 61. Alleged promotion of pyramid selling scheme involving phonecards. Proceedings instituted 27.2.97. ACCC gained ex parte injunctions to prevent start up of scheme due to occur 1.3.97. 7.3.97 injunctions continued against respondents restraining them from promoting scheme. 20.6.97 injunctions continued. 11.7.97 further directions.

Adjudication

The following authorisation applications and notifications are under consideration by the Commission. New authorisation and notification matters are discussed in more detail in the Adjudication chapter.

Authorisation applications under consideration

Delhi Petroleum (A90547)

Joint venture operations for SA gas supply.

Existing interim authorisation extended until final determination is made.

Further consideration deferred pending review of AGL authorisation A90424.

Santos Limited (A90559)

Agreement relating to the sale and marketing of liquid hydrocarbons from natural gas in south-west Queensland.

Further consideration deferred pending review of AGL authorisation A90424 and consideration of new application A90568 to address Commission concerns.

Santos Limited (A90560)

SA Cooper Basin — joint venture — natural gas.

Further consideration deferred pending review of AGL authorisation A90424.

To be considered with Delhi Petroleum application A90547.

Advertiser Newspapers Limited & ors (A60020-1)

Contracts and rules for the operation of SA newsagency system.

26.3.97 Interim authorisation extended to three months after the date on which the Commission's review of the NSW/ACT, Queensland and Victoria system is completed.

Santos Ltd (A90568)

Sale of commingled liquid hydrocarbons from Cooper Basin in SA and Qld.

8.2.95 Interim authorisation granted.

CSR Ltd (A50016)

Application for authorisation for negotiation and agreements on cartage rates with independent contractor concrete carriers.

20.3.96 Interim authorisation granted for six months.

Interim authorisation extended to end September 1997.

Australian Performing Rights Association (APRA) (A30166-73)

Arrangements for acquiring and granting rights for music.

16.10.96 Draft determination issued.

3.12.96 Pre-decision conference held.

Advertiser Newspapers & ors (A60022)

Agreement regarding newsagency territories and termination of agreement to adopt newsagency administration rules.

NSW Minister for Energy (A90588-90)

Wholesale electricity marketing arrangements.

26.4.96 Interim authorisation granted.

17.7.96 Interim authorisation granted for Code as amended.

ASX Settlement and Transfer Corporation Pty Ltd (A90596)

Amendments to CHESS rules to accommodate international trading.

12.6.96 Interim authorisation granted until 20.7.97.

ASX and OCH (A90599)

Proposed rewritten business rules for derivatives. 23.10.96 Interim authorisation granted until 30.6.97.

APCA (A30176-7)

Consumer electronic clearing system regulation and procedures.

AW Tyree Transformers Pty Ltd and Wilson Transformers Pty Ltd (A30178-9)

Distribution transformers — joint tendering arrangements.

11.2.97 Draft determination issued proposing to grant authorisation.

20.3.97 Pre-decision conference.

NECA and NEMMCO (A40074-6)

National Electricity Code.

PMAA and NFAA (A90600)

Therapeutic goods advertising code.

18.12.96 Interim authorisation granted.

29.4.97 Draft determination issued.

26.5.97 Pre-decision conference.

TransGrid and other NSW applicants. VPX and other Victorian applicants (A90601-12)

Proposed National Electricity Market Stage 1 (NEM1) arrangements (comprising the revised NSW code, the revised VICPool rules. co-extensive rules, aligned provisions and enforcement agreement).

5.3.97 Interim authorisation granted.

NSW Minister for Energy (for and on behalf of applicants) (A90614-16)

Proposed second tranche of vesting contracts to be entered into by participating generators and participating retailers in NSW wholesale electricity market.

30.1.97 Interim authorisation granted.

Vodafone (A90613)

Telecommunication Access Forum constitution and rules.

21.5.97 Interim authorisation granted to end December 1997.

ASX/ASTC/APCA (A30180-2)

CHESS arrangements (current authorisation lapses on 20.7.97).

APCA (A90617-19)

High Value Clearing System — regulations and procedures.

Authorisations under review

Newspaper and magazine distribution in NSW/ACT, Victoria and Queensland

Advertising standards

Notifications under consideration

Advertiser Newspapers Ltd (N60023-5)

Arrangements for supply of newspapers published by Advertiser.

ASX (N30723)

Requiring registered independent options traders to acquire services from clearing members.

Domain Retirement Country Club Pty Ltd (N50092)

It is proposed that a clause be included in the Unit Owners' Agreement, which must be executed by all purchasers of properties in the retirement village, which requires the unit owner to use a real estate agent nominated by the manager if they sell their unit (third line forcing).

Draft notice under s. 93(3A) proposing to revoke the notification issued 14.5.97.

ANZ Banking Group Ltd (N90367)

ANZ proposes offering a facility known as the 'Guaranteed Equities Loan' which can be used to finance the acquisition of certain shares. ANZ takes a mortgage over the shares as security. The borrower must use ANZ Securities Ltd to make the initial acquisition of the shares (third line forcing).

Optus Networks Pty Ltd, Optus Vision Pty Ltd (N90373-4)

Proposed offer of discount, allowance, rebate or credit off telephony charges on condition that customer subscribes to Optus Vision pay TV services. Proposed offer to subscribers to Optus Vision pay TV services of free or discounted installation of telephone capability on condition they purchase local telephony services from Optus Networks.

Toyota Motor Corporation Australia Ltd (N90383)

Exclusive dealing notification for service provided under new vehicle warranty (third line forcing).

Rhone Merieux Australia Pty Ltd (N90385)

Exclusive dealing notification in relation to the veterninary frontline product and terms and conditions of sale.

Commercial Union Assurance Company and Swann Insurance (Aust) Pty Ltd (N90386-7)

Reduction in appliance insurance premiums if purchase of disablement and involuntary redundancy unemployment insurance, and vice versa.

Australian Competition Tribunal

Review of the Commission's determination to revoke authorisation of the gas agreements between AGL and the Cooper Basin Producers

On 27 March 1996 the Commission issued a determination revoking the existing authorisation and granting a substitute authorisation narrower in scope than the revoked authorisation. On 17 April 1996 the Producers filed an application with the Australian Competition Tribunal for a review of the Commission's decision. (See ACCC Journal 3, pp. 55–8, and ACCC Journal 5, p. 48).

The hearing began on 17 March 1997 and ended on 15 April 1997. The Tribunal is considering its determination.

Certification trade marks

International Standards Certifications Pty Ltd (CTM 702128, 703098)

Relating to the certification of Australian organisations to ISO 9000 (quality) and ISO 14000 (environmental) standards. 26.2.97 Final assessment approving CTMs issued.

Consorzio Tutela Provolone (CTM 658374)

Relating to an Italian brand of cheese. 23.10.96 Initial assessment proposing to approve the CTM issued. 23.4.97 Final assessment issued.

Relais et Chateau (CTM 529087)

Relating to services provided in the accreditation of hotels and restaurants.

Skin and Cancer Foundation of Australia (CTM 656130)

Relating to the licensing of clothing and headwear for sale in Australia. 26.2.97 Initial assessment proposing to approve the CTM issued.

Aktion Zahnfreundlich (CTM 572400-2, 601904)

Relating to Swiss-made food and beverage products.

International Zinc Association (CTM 593514)

Relating to zinc and zinc products. 30.4.97 Initial assessment issued.

The Harris Tweed Association (CTM 69212)

Relating to a transmission and variation of the CTM regarding Tweed cloth. 22.1.97 Initial assessment approving the variation to the rules of the CTM issued. 30.4.97 Final assessment relating to 69212 issued. Clarification of rules required on 705888.

Australian Horticultural Corporation (CTM 659737)

Relating to the certification of agricultural, horticultural and forestry products. *Initial* assessment proposing to approve the CTM issued.

Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia (CTM 634857-8)

Relating to the certification of accounting, auditing and other professional commerce consultancy services.

Department of Mines & Energy Qld & ors (CTM 714440)

Relating to the application of a standard mark on electrical equipment and appliances.

The Australian Feldenkrais Guild Inc. (CTM 658374)

Relating to physical education and therapy services.

Queensland Timber Board (CTM 713742)

Relating to timber building materials and products.

State of Florida Department of Citrus (CTM 654647-8)

Relating to oranges, grapefruit, tangerines and other citrus fruit.

Federal Department of Administrative Services (CTM 709097)

Relating to a Painting Contractor's Certification Program.

Qualmark New Zealand Ltd (CTM 648222-6)

Relating to promotional material and travel accommodation and catering services.

Elicos Association Ltd (CTM 701445)

Relating to the provision of travel programs and training for overseas students.

Victorian Tourism Operators Association (CTM 700461)

Relating to tourism organisations.

American Petroleum Institute (CTM 621547, 623036)

Relating to engine oils for motor vehicles.

New Zealand Meat Producers Board (CTM 680414)

Relating to New Zealand meat, fish, poultry, eggs, milk and milk products.

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