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Dear Mark

RE: Vector Default Distributor Agreement and Recorded Terms - Data

Thank you for your letter dated 22 December 2020 informing the Authority that Vector has removed the proposed data provisions as recorded terms prior to publishing its default distributor agreement (DDA), and for confirming Vector is engaging collaboratively to find an agreed industry solution regarding the data access matter.

The Data Template

The DDA (including the Data Template) was introduced following consideration of all submissions to achieve, among other things, equal bargaining positions between industry participants. The Data Template is designed to a backstop agreement should negotiations between distributors and traders for access to data be unsuccessful.

The Authority is continuing to monitor the progress of this matter

When ENA raised concerns regarding the combination and use of consumption data in August 2020, the Authority facilitated a discussion between representatives of distributors and traders to encourage an industry-led solution to the use of consumers' consumption data.

The Authority's latest engagements since December 2020 with ERANZ, ENA and industry participants indicate that progress is being made. Representatives of distributors and traders have since met to discuss the remaining few details. The Authority appreciates the effort many industry participants have committed to this matter.

The Authority has previously suggested that ERANZ and ENA coordinate a Code amendment request which outlines a proposed schedule of acceptable data combinations and use cases. We understand this is underway and await this request. While the Authority considers this Code amendment, there are no barriers to industry participants mutually agreeing to contract under the new terms as an alternative agreement.

Yours sincerely,


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