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To: MBacina@piperalderman.com.au
Subject: Correspondence from ACCC re Flamestop fire extinguisher report
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Attachments: Correspondence from ACCC (Ms Brooke Watson) re unsafe product report.pdf

Dear Mr Bacina

Please see attached correspondence from Ms Brooke Watson, A/g General Manager of the Consumer Product Safety Branch.

If you wish to discuss the matter further, I can be contacted on (03) 9290 6919.

Regards

Simon

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Dear Mr Bacina

I refer to previous correspondence from the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) to you regarding a report that Flamestop Australia Pty Ltd (Flamestop) is supplying potentially unsafe 'refurbished' fire extinguishers, which may not comply with the *Consumer Product Safety Standard (Consumer Protection Notice No. 3 of 2004) Portable Fire Extinguishers* (mandatory standard).

The ACCC has received additional information and will be assessing this matter further.

We invite your client to provide any further information and evidence that you consider relevant to the safety of the product and compliance with the mandatory standard. We will follow up with a specific information request if needed. We will consider this information as part of a product safety hazard assessment, applying established risk-based criteria and factors.

Any product safety hazard assessment can take significant time, especially if there is any testing of the products required.

Please submit your written response to Mr Simon Haslock, Director of the Inspections and Hazard Analysis Section, at simon.haslock@accc.gov.au by **Friday 2 November 2018**. If you wish to discuss this matter further, Mr Haslock can be contacted on (03) 9290 6919.

A letter in the same terms has been provided to Firebox Australia Pty Ltd.

Yours sincerely

Brooke Watson
A/g General Manager
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