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Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme

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**Senate Select Committee on PFAS
Information on the Australian Industrial Chemicals Introduction Scheme**

I refer to your E-mail correspondence of 24 March 2025, where you provided advice on the clarification you received from AICIS on the Committee's Interim Report.

Please find in Attachment 1 - clarification of how the information stated in the Interim Report could be modified to ensure an accurate representation of AICIS obligations.

I trust this information will be of assistance to the Committee. If you require any further clarification or information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Authorised for electronic transmission

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Attachment 1

Following the release of the Interim Report by the Select Committee on PFAS, there were two items identified that were not an accurate representation of AICIS obligations.

We provide the following information to clarify these items:

- Currently, paragraph 2.26 states that: *All importers and manufacturers of industrial chemicals listed under this Act are required to register their business and the categories of their chemical importations or manufacture with AICIS before they introduce industrial chemicals into Australia.*

I suggest that the following would be a more accurate representation:

All importers and manufacturers (introducers) of industrial chemicals are required to register their business before they introduce industrial chemicals into Australia. They must also *categorise* their chemical introductions before introducing the chemical into Australia for the first time, and meet the obligations associated with the relevant category.

- Currently, paragraph 2.27 states that: *AICIS enforces import and export controls on PFOS and specified PFOS precursors listed under an international agreement called the Rotterdam Convention. Importers and manufacturers of PFAS must comply with legal obligations under the Act and are prohibited from importing or exporting PFAS without approval from AICIS.*

I suggest that the following would be a more accurate representation:

AICIS enforces import and export controls on chemicals that are listed under an international agreement called the Rotterdam Convention, which includes high concern PFAS chemicals such as PFOS, PFOA and related chemicals. Importers and manufacturers of chemicals that are listed on the Rotterdam Convention must comply with legal obligations under the Act and are prohibited from importing or exporting such chemicals without approval from AICIS.