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**Subject:** FW: TPP - IT Pricing [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED, CAVEAT=FOR-OFFICIAL-USE-ONLY]  
**Attachments:** TPP E-commerce - IT pricing s.33(a)(iii)

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I understand from s.22 out of office that you are the point of contact in his absence. Following our discussions a couple of weeks ago on IT pricing, s.33(a)(iii) s.33(a)(iii) No action is required on your behalf, but for your reference and in case you have further comments before we share it more broadly I've attached s.33(a)(iii)

Many thanks

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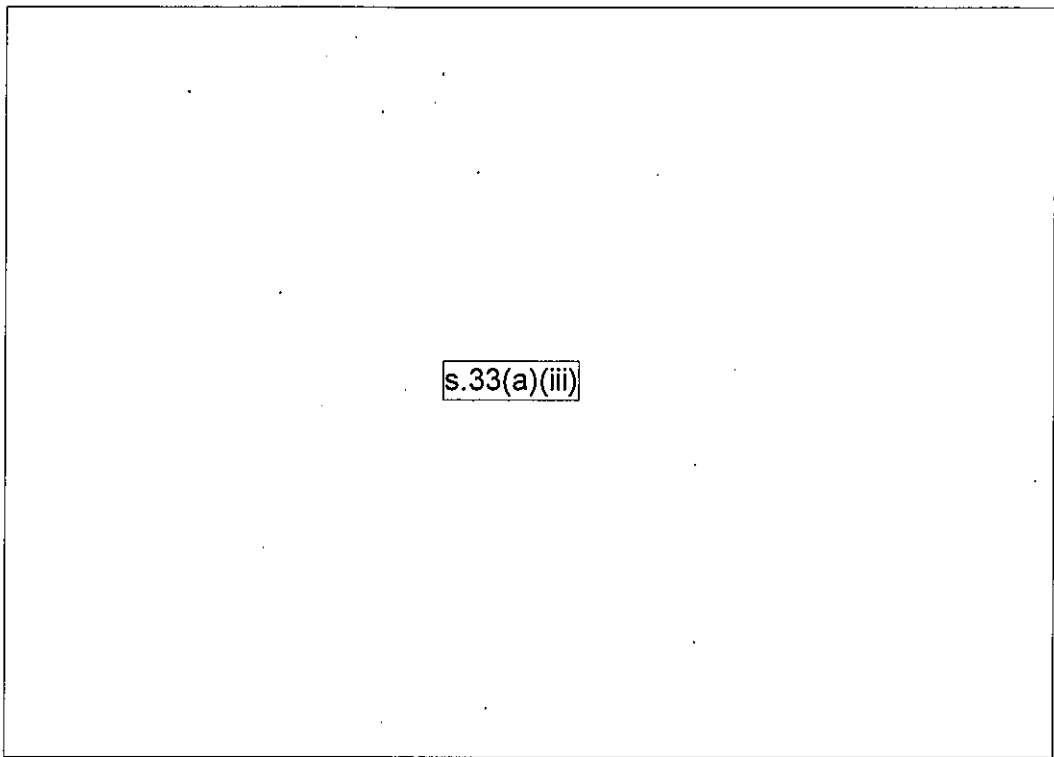
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For your reference, attached is the s.33(a)(iii) for the e-commerce chapter of the TPP. Many thanks for your work and suggestions on s.33 to date -- we understand the ACCC's interest in this area, s.33(a)(iii)

At this stage, if there are no further comments, we are likely to circulate s.33(a)(iii) s.33(a)(iii) this week, ideally Tuesday, before discussions in Singapore next week.

Many thanks,

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s.33(a)(iii)

**Bateman, Melinda**

**From:** S.22  
**Sent:** Thursday, 4 April 2013 9:33 AM  
**To:** S.22  
**Cc:** Troth, Sue  
**Subject:** RE: TPP R17: Environment chapter - text relating consumer law (voluntary market mechanisms) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]  
**Attachments:** TPP R17 Environment brief\_VMM DRAFT.DOCX

Here 'tis.

**From:** S.22@TREASURY.GOV.AU  
**Sent:** Thursday, 4 April 2013 9:25 AM  
**To:** Troth, Sue  
**Cc:** S.22  
**Subject:** RE: TPP R17: Environment chapter - text relating consumer law (voluntary market mechanisms) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi - I'll pass it on to consumer, but I don't seem to have the attachment on any of the emails?

**From:** Troth, Sue [mailto:Susan.Troth@accc.gov.au]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 3 April 2013 4:54 PM  
**To:** Purcell, Siobhan  
**Cc:** Lear, Tim; Riddiford, Joe-Anne; Hunt, Andrew  
**Subject:** RE: TPP R17: Environment chapter - text relating consumer law (voluntary market mechanisms) [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Dear Siobhan

Thanks for your email. Treasury takes the lead on the TPP (I have copied the relevant officer, Andrew Hunt, to this email).

Andrew, we'd be happy to contribute to Treasury's consideration on this.

Regards

Sue

**Ms Sue Troth**  
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Dear S.22

In S.22 absence would you be able to assist as per my request below?  
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**From:** s.22  
**Sent:** Wednesday, 3 April 2013 4:23 PM  
**To:** s.22  
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Dear s.22

My colleague s.22 passed on your details as I would be grateful for comments from the ACCC on text that has been proposed in the TPP Environment chapter negotiations. I recognise these issues may not be in your patch so I would be grateful if you could pass my message on to the appropriate area.

s.33(a)(iii)

I would value the ACCC's comments though on how it fits with Australian consumer law and our approach to regulating green marketing, so I can formally develop Australia's position on the new text.

I would appreciate your comments by COB Wednesday 9 April and I am most happy to discuss this on the phone too, as I know this is coming from left field.

Kind regards

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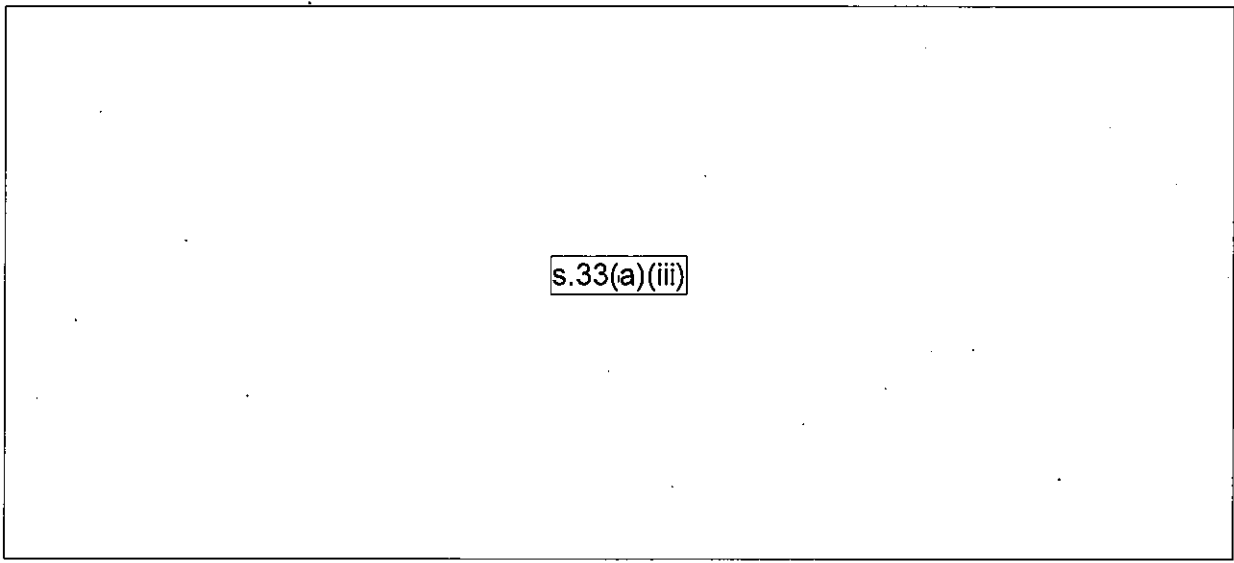
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**Bateman, Melinda**

**From:** Lear, Tim  
**Sent:** Thursday, 9 May 2013 9:36 AM  
**To:** Mcgeachy, Hilary  
**Cc:** Shreeya.Muthusamy@dbcde.gov.au; International ACCC; Farrell, Tanya  
**Subject:** RE: E-commerce - geoblocking paper [DLM=For-Official-Use-Only]

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Hi Hilary,

We certainly do care but in terms of a policy response, Treasury is taking the lead on this issue. The ACCC is developing a regulatory response to online competition and consumer issues, which extends beyond electronically delivered items to all goods Australian consumers may purchase online.

As previously discussed, from a technical perspective different contractual relationships and cost structures will determine whether conduct is problematic from a competition point of view. However, it remains unclear why as a general proposition geo-blocking preventing an Australian consumer from buying an electronic item should be prioritised above geo-blocking preventing an Australian consumer from buying a physical item if you consider this as either a competition, consumer or free trade issue.

Regards

Tim

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**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
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Hi s.22

Further to s.22 email -- did you have views on a possible information campaign to Australia consumers about ways to assist with consumer choice/competition issues with regard to geoblocking? I remember this idea being floated some time ago and it would be good to know if there's been any further thinking on it.

s.22 - I've cc'ed you in case this is also in your patch.

A quick response to let me know if this is on the cares or not would be most useful.

Kind regards

s.22 [REDACTED]

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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** Friday, 3 May 2013 2:09 pm

**To:** s.22

**Cc:**

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Dear s.22 Documents declassified 24/1/2014 and released under  
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I wanted to consult you about some [s.33(a)(iii)] to the TPP e-commerce text on [s.33(a)(iii)] [s.33(a)(iii)]

As planned, Australian introduced this as a discussion item at the last TPP round in Singapore. [redacted]

[s.33(a)(iii)]

[s.33(a)(iii)]

I'd also welcome any examples of the kinds of measures which might be used to limit discrimination against consumers [redacted]

[s.33(a)(iii)]

I've also included a couple of suggestions [redacted] No substantive change however.

[s.33(a)(iii)]

With apologies for the timeline, I'd very much appreciate any comments by Tues 7 May. (The next round is on 13 May). More than happy to speak on the phone if convenient.

Kind regards

[s.22]

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**Sent:** Friday, 5 July 2013 1:12 PM  
**To:** Mackay, Ruth  
**Cc:** International ACCC  
**Subject:** FW: TPP TBT health annexes [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]  
**Attachments:** TPP TBT Pharmaceuticals annex – Australian briefing.docx; TPP TBT Medical devices annex – Australian briefing.docx; TPP TBT Cosmetics annex – Australian briefing.docx

**Importance:** High

**Security Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED

Hi Ruth,

Please see email thread below from DFAT who are anxious for a response to facilitate their upcoming negotiating round in Malaysia.

Can you follow-up with Peter W?

Thanks

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 Cc:  
 Subject: FW: TPP TBT health annexes [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

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Apologies if you've previously gone back to s.22 on this but did you have any replies for us on the email s.22 sent out in late May?

Cheers

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Date: 29/05/2013 11:19  
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Regards

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**Cc:** Lear, Tim; International ACCC  
**Subject:** RE: TPP TBT health annexes [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

**Importance:** High

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James,

Ruth Mackay has advised me that her team did in fact return the TPP cosmetics briefing back to DFAT last Monday as promised.  
Please let me know if I can be of any further assistance.

Regards,  
Joe-Anne

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**From:** Riddiford, Joe-Anne [<mailto:Joe-Anne.Riddiford@acc.gov.au>]  
**Sent:** Friday, July 05, 2013 11:07 AM  
**To:** Wiblin, James  
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No problem.

I'll forward this to Ruth Mackay, General Manager in Product Safety - Peter's boss.

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○ Hopefully this will hurry your response along.

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Hi James

Attached is the email I sent to you on Monday – please let me know that you received this email.

Regards

**Peter Wallner**

Director | Chemicals & Regulated Products | Product Safety

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**Cc:** Lim, Dixie; Bell, Simon  
**Subject:** FW: TBT TPP on Cosmetics Annex [DLM=Sensitive]  
**Attachments:** TPP TBT Cosmetics annex Australian briefing - proposed ACCC comments.docx

Dear James

Sorry I have been on leave. We have provided a bit of commentary but we don't really have any concerns with the current state of play with this document.

Thanks

**Peter Wallner**

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**To:** Wallner, Peter  
**Cc:** Bell, Simon; Mooney, Carolyn  
**Subject:** FW: TBT TPP on Cosmetics Annex [DLM=Sensitive]

Hi Peter and all

Please see attached some proposed input for the Cosmetics Annex briefing for DFAT. For your review/feedback.

James Wiblin from DFAT will fly to Malaysia to present this briefing on Tuesday. The due date for providing input is Monday morning, which I have undertaken to do.

Thanks  
 Dixie

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Hi All

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Input from NICNAS on the TPP TBT Cosmetics annex briefing (attached), for further discussion at the meeting tomorrow. Matt indicated that this input is merely from the NICNAS perspective as they knew that ACCC would be providing their comments/input separately.

Kind regards  
Dixie

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As discussed.

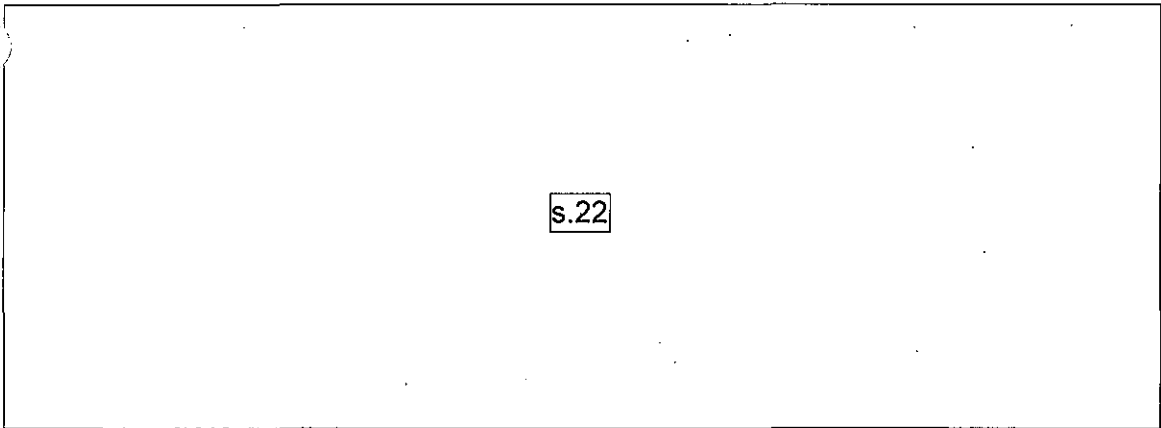
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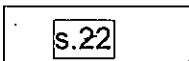
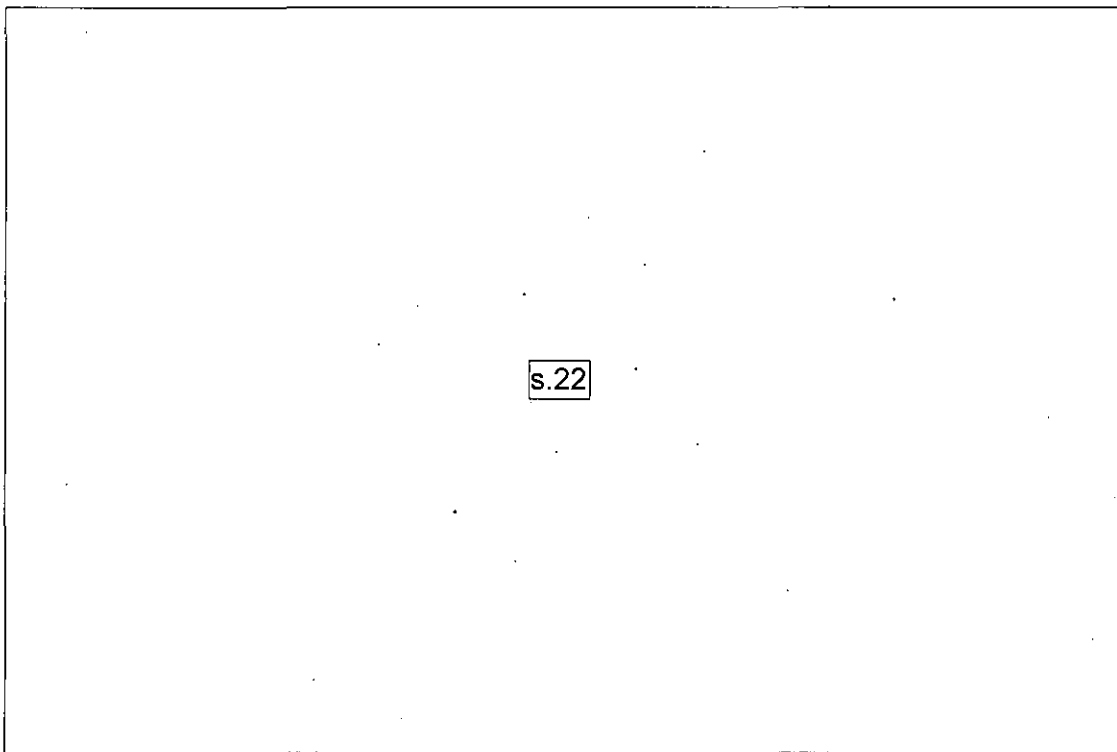
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Sorry for my tardiness, James, has been a hectic few weeks, culminating in the APEC Chemical Dialogue and associated meetings that I am attending in Indonesia at the moment.

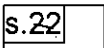
Comments from NICNAS attached.

Cheers



see request below from DFAT

regards



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s.22

Date: 21/06/2013 16:43  
Subject: RE: TBT TPP [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

s.22

Is there any prospect of NICNAS coming back relatively soon on the Cosmetics annex questions? They're the last of the agency comments we're waiting for.

Cheers

s.22

[Redacted]

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**Subject:** Re: TBT TPP [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

s.22 HI

sorry about that but when I saw s.22 last week she said she was taking over TBT from s.22

Do you know yet when the annexes might be on the agenda for Malaysia ?

regards

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I've taken over from s.22 as Director of the Food Trade and Quarantine Section. I'll be responsible for the TBT chapter and annexes and so will be the contact point for agency comments and input to the TPP work.

s.22 has passed on to me your latest email on the input on the annexes.

Regards

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From: s.22  
 Sent: Wednesday, 28 August 2013 3:35 PM  
 To: s.22  
 Subject: RE: e-commerce brief for comment - 10 Thurs please [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi s.22

s.33(a)(iii)

Cheers

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From: Taylor, Paul [mailto:Paul.Taylor@acc.gov.au]  
 Sent: Wednesday, 28 August 2013 1:29 PM  
 To: Hunt, Andrew  
 Subject: RE: e-commerce brief for comment - 10 Thurs please [SEC=UNCLASSIFIED]

Hi Andrew

I'm aware that there is very little time to respond to DFAT on this (10.00am tomorrow) but did want to let you know what we had in mind (below). Do please let me know if you have any comments on this approach.

Many thanks.

Paul

Dear Hilary

I am responding in Tim Lear's absence.

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Regards

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Dear all

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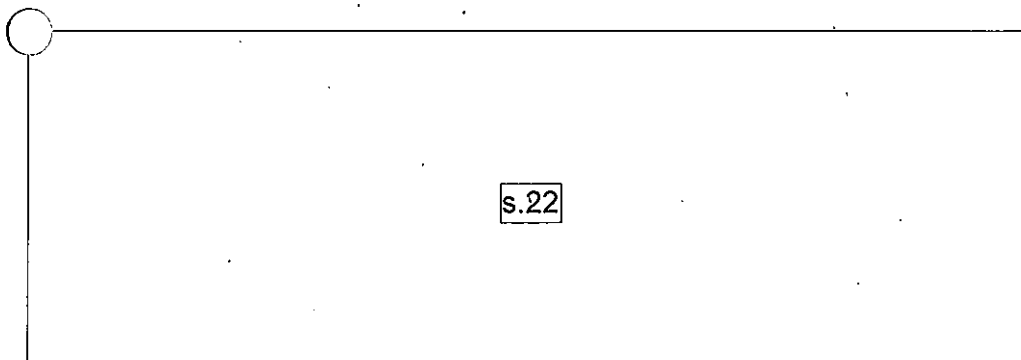
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Dear s.22

Many thanks for this speedy response, and for your comments on NN.16 and OECD points more broadly. We'll continue to discuss this article, s.33(a)(iii)

I'll be in touch after the round with an update.

Kind regards

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