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CODE MEDIATOR FOR ALDI 2025-2026 ANNUAL REPORT

Introduction

As a 'large grocery business' operating in Australia, ALDI Stores (A Limited Partnership) ABN 90 196 565 019 (**ALDI**) is subject to the requirements of the Food and Grocery Code of Conduct (**Code**) prescribed under the *Competition and Consumer Act 2010* (Cth) and set out in the *Competition and Consumer (Industry Codes – Food and Grocery) Regulations 2024* (**Regulations**).

Under the Code, ALDI is required to appoint a Code Mediator. On 1 April 2025, when the new mandatory Code came into effect, I was appointed by ALDI as its Code Mediator. Prior to this, I performed the role of Code Arbiter for ALDI under the old voluntary Code that was in force immediately before.

Annual reporting requirements

As the Code Mediator for ALDI, I am required under the Regulations to prepare a written report in respect of each financial year. This is my second annual report in the capacity of Code Mediator for ALDI.

Subsection 59(2) of the Regulations lists the content requirements of the annual report to be prepared by the Code Mediator.

Time frame

The Code Mediator for ALDI is required to prepare the report and give copies to ALDI, the Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (**ACCC**) and the Code Supervisor.

I confirm that I completed my annual report for the 2025-2026 financial year.

2025-2026 Annual Report

This report is verified to be accurate for the purposes of annual reporting by the Code Mediator for ALDI.

Ways the Code Mediator has assisted suppliers during the financial year

Under section 59(2)(a) of the Regulations, the Code Mediator for ALDI is required to provide a description of the ways it has assisted suppliers of ALDI during the financial year in relation to matters described in paragraphs 48(1)(b), (f) and (g).

Paragraph 48(1)(b)

I confirm that I have not assisted suppliers of ALDI in relation to matters covered by the Code, including by providing information about the supplier provisions of the Code generally or the complaint and dispute resolution processes available, during the 2025-2026 financial year.

Paragraph 48(1)(f)

I confirm that I have not assisted suppliers of ALDI to informally resolve issues relating to matters covered by the supplier provisions of the Code (including a grocery supply agreement) during the 2025-2026 financial year.

Paragraph 48(1)(g)

I confirm that I have not mediated any disputes between suppliers of ALDI and ALDI relating to matters covered by supplier provisions of the Code (including a grocery supply agreement) during the 2025-2025 financial year.

Complaints referred to the Code Mediator during the financial year

Under subsection 59(2)(b)-(g) of the Regulations, the Code Mediator for ALDI is required to report on complaints referred to it during the financial year.

The table below provides a summary of the numerical data on the complaints referred to the Code Mediator for ALDI during the 2025-2026 financial year.

Table 1. Complaints referred to the Code Mediator during the 2025-2026 financial year

Nature of complaint	Time to investigate	Outcome of investigation	Resolved to satisfaction of supplier	Payment of compensation	Number of complaints 2025-2026
TOTAL					0

I confirm that there were no complaints referred to me during the 2025-2026 financial year.

Number of those complaints for which the Code Mediator recommended payment of compensation

Under subclause 59(2)(g) of the Regulation, the Code Mediator for ALDI is required to report on the number of those complaints referred to it during the financial year for which payment of compensation was recommended.

I confirm that there were no complaints referred to me during the 2025-2026 financial year for which I recommended payment of compensation.

Information given to the Code Mediator about price increases

Under subclause 59(2)(h) of the Regulation, the Code Mediator for ALDI is required to report on any information given by ALDI under section 41 (information about price increases) during the financial year.

I confirm that ALDI provided me with the following information under section 41 (information about price increases) for the 2025-2026 financial year:

Table 2: Information under section 41 (information about price increases) provided by ALDI for the 2025-2026 financial year

Subsection	Total number
41(a) – the total number of notifications given under subsection 40(2) by ALDI to any supplier during the financial year	1594
41(b) – the number of those notifications that were not given within the 30-day period required by that subsection	0
41(c) – the total number of negotiations entered into during the financial year following requests made under subsection 40(3)	0
41(d) – the number of those negotiations in which ALDI did not conclude its position on the negotiations within the period of 30 days starting on the day (the <i>notification day</i>) ALDI was notified of the relevant proposed price increase by the supplier	0
41(e) – for each of the negotiations to which paragraph (d) applies, the number of days ALDI took to conclude its position on the negotiations starting from the notification day for the relevant proposed price increase	N/A

Signed by:

Bronwyn Gallacher

