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I wish to register the interest of the NZ Retailers Association in the current review of the MRA and TTMRA.

Generally speaking the existing procedures seem to operate well but I feel it is appropriate to register a need for the Productivity Commission to consider the practical implications for trans-Tasman trade of the new product safety regulations for children's nightclothes that have recently been introduced into New Zealand. Some of our members that operate in New Zealand are owned by Australian principals and it is quite possible that the Australian parent could import a container of merchandise into Australia, devalue the container at their commercial warehouse and then re export part of that container shipment to New Zealand for sale in New Zealand. Such merchandise would be primarily labelled for sale in Australia rather than for the new regulatory controls in New Zealand but, in my view, such merchandise which is labelled for sale in Australia could legally be on sold in New Zealand under the TTRMA despite the new regulatory controls that have been introduced into New Zealand. We recommend that the Commission given special consideration to this issue in its review of the MRA and TTRMA".

Kind Regards
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