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Dear Greg Harford

Thank you for letter dated 7 November 2016 regarding Offshore Supplier Registration and the de minimis.

As you know, Government officials here are continuing to investigate methods of collecting GST on low-value physical goods. I am monitoring closely the progress in Australia of plans to require foreign suppliers of goods to register and return GST. We are also analysing the early results of New Zealand's requirements for offshore registration of suppliers of intangibles and digital services which were put in place on 1 October.

The Government remains very focussed on developing a practical and cost-effective way to manage low-value goods at the border to provide a level playing field for NZ retailers and allow the collection of GST.

Thank you for outlining Retail NZ's current situation regarding the collection of GST on low-value goods. I have forwarded your summary to my Customs' officials for consideration.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Best regards

Hon Nicky Wagner
Minister of Customs