

# WOOLWORTHS LIMITED

A.B.N 88 000 014 675

31 August 2005

The Manager, Companies  
Australian Stock Exchange Limited  
Company Announcements Office  
Exchange Centre  
Level 6  
20 Bridge Street  
SYDNEY NSW 2000

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: Woolworths Limited –Listing Rule 3.1**

Woolworths Limited will release the attached media statement relating to a Statement of Issues from the ACCC received this afternoon.

**For and on behalf of  
WOOLWORTHS LIMITED**

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**RKS JEFFS  
COMPANY SECRETARY**

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## WOOLWORTHS ACQUISITION OF ACTION STORES

The Australian Competition and Consumer Commission (ACCC) has today published a *Statement of Issues* identifying its preliminary competition concerns in respect of certain Action stores which are the subject of Woolworths' acquisition from Foodland Associated Limited (FAL).

Woolworths acknowledges the value of the ACCC's next phase in its normal process of further investigation in certain areas. As the ACCC *Statement of Issues* states it is a preliminary view that should in no way be interpreted as expressing a concluded view or final decision.

Woolworths has significant independent data and analysis to address the issues raised for further consideration and looks forward to close interaction with the ACCC.

Woolworths is confident that it can address these issues and reach resolution with the ACCC.

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