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Alison Farrow <alisonf@asa.org.uk> Tue, Aug 19, 2014 at 8:00 A To: "Ismith@truthinadvertising.org" <ismith@truthinadvertising.org></ismith@truthinadvertising.org></alisonf@asa.org.uk>
Dear Ms Smith,
Your complaint about Vemma Europe
Thank you for contacting the Advertising Standards Authority.
I'm sorry to tell you that we are unable to deal with your complaint directly on this occasion as Vemma Europe are based and registered in Ireland. Our Codes can only be applied to advertisers based in the UK or using a UK platform to advertise, and unfortunately, advertisers that are based abroad are under no obligation to act in accordance with the UK Code of Non-broadcast Advertising Practice, Sales Promotion and Direct Marketing (CAP Code).
However, you may be interested to know that we have an agreement with a European-wide (and beyond) alliance of advertising regulators, EASA, and will therefore refer the matter to our counterparts in Ireland for consideration.
We understand that some overseas authority's pass on the details of complaints to advertisers, so if you do not wish to be identified to the advertiser, we'd ask that you please confirm this to us before we refer on your complaint.
In order to conclude this matter as soon as possible, I would be grateful if you could respond by Monday 25 August. If we don't hear from you at all by this date, we shall assume that you don't wish us to refer your complaint at this time and shall close our file on that basis. But please do let me know if you need more time.
Thank you for your time and assistance and I look forward to hearing from you.
Kind regards,
Alison

## **Alison Farrow**

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