



**THE HON STEVE
Minister for Trade, Tourism and Industry**

8 March 2018

His Excellency
Mr. Tran Tuan Anh
Minister of Industry and Trade
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

Dear Minister

I have the honour to acknowledge
follows:

“In connection with the
Trans-Pacific Partnership
that the Government of
Government of Australia
19 (Labour) and Chapter

1. From the date of
fully implement
2. If Australia seek
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of Chapter 19 (I
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Suspension of E
three years after
3. Notwithstanding
under Chapter 2
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Article 28.20 (N
Benefits) under
the date of entry
4. Pursuant to para
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I have the further honour to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date on which the Agreement enters into force for both Viet Nam and Australia.”

I have the further honour to confirm that the above reflects the agreement reached between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam during the course of negotiations on the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership, and that your letter and this letter in reply shall constitute an agreement between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steven Ciobo', with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the left.

Steven Ciobo

8 March 2018

The Hon Steven Ciobo, MP
Minister for Trade, Tourism and
Australia

Dear Minister,

In connection with the signing of the Pacific Partnership (the "Agreement") the Government of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and Australia have reached agreement on Chapter 28 (Dispute Settlement).

1. From the date of entry into force of the Agreement, Vietnam shall implement the obligations of Chapter 28 (Dispute Settlement).
2. If Australia seeks recourse under Chapter 28 (Dispute Settlement) with respect to any measure (Labour), Australia shall not be entitled to invoke Article 28.20 (Non-Implementation) of the Agreement for Viet Nam.
3. Notwithstanding paragraph 1 of Article 28 (Dispute Settlement), Vietnam shall not be seeking to suspend benefits of Chapter 28 (Dispute Settlement) or Compensation and Suspension of Dispute Settlement for a period of five years after the date of entry into force of the Agreement.
4. Pursuant to paragraph 2 of Article 28 (Dispute Settlement), before the seventh anniversary of the date of entry into force of the Agreement, any issues arising from the Agreement (Labour Council) or the Agreement and obligations of both Parties shall be resolved.

I have the further honour to propose that the Agreement shall constitute an agreement on the date on which the Agreement enters into force.

Sincerely,



Tran Tuan Anh
Minister of Industry and Trade
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam