



THE HON STEVEN CIOBO MP

Minister for Trade, Tourism and Investment

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 receipt of your letter of this date, which read

“In connection with the signing on this date of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (the “Agreement”), I have the honour to confirm the following understanding reached between the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (“Viet Nam”) and the Government of Australia with respect to Article 18.47 (Protection of Undisclosed Test or Other Data for Agricultural Chemical Products) of Chapter 18 (Intellectual Property) of the Agreement:

Australia will refrain from seeking recourse to Chapter 28 (Dispute Settlement) of the Agreement with regard to the obligations of Viet Nam under Article 18.47 (Protection of Undisclosed Test or Other Data for Agricultural Chemical Products) of Chapter 18 (Intellectual Property) of the Agreement for a period of five years after the fifth anniversary of the date of entry into force of the Agreement for Viet Nam.

I have the further honour to propose that this letter and your letter in reply to me, together with that your Government shares this understanding will constitute a Memorandum of Understanding between our two Governments, which will come into effect on the date of entry into force of the Agreement for both Viet Nam and Australia.”

I have the further honour to confirm that the above reflects the mutual understanding 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 will constitute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

Yours sincerely



Steven Ciobo

8 March 2018

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


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I have the further honour to propose that this letter and your letter in reply confirming that your Government shares this understanding will constitute a Memorandum of Understanding between our two Governments, which will come into effect on the date of entry into force of the Agreement for both Viet Nam and Australia.

Yours sincerely,


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