



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

“In connection with the
Agreement for Trans-Pacific
confirm the following
Republic of Viet Nam (VNA)
Article 18.53 (Measure
of the Agreement:

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I have the further honour to
between the Government of Australia
Nam during the course of nego-
Trans-Pacific Partnership, and
Memorandum of Understanding
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

Dear Minister,

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 regard to Article 18.53 (Measures Relating to the Marketing of Certain Pharmaceutical Products) of the Agreement:

Viet Nam and Australia recognise that nothing in Article 18.53 (Measures Relating to the Marketing of Certain Pharmaceutical Products) of Chapter 18 (Intellectual Property) of the Agreement limits a Party to the Agreement from establishing conditions, limitations or exceptions when implementing the obligations set forth under that Article, provided that the Party continues to give effect to that Article.

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 this Agreement for both Viet Nam and Australia.

Yours sincerely,



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