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Ha Noi, 18 October 2026

Ms. Astrid Bergmål
State Secretary
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Your Excellency,

In connection with the signing of the Free Trade Agreement between the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the EFTA States (the Free Trade Agreement) on this date, I have the honour to confirm that the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (Viet Nam) and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway (Norway) have agreed as follows:

Article 10.16 on the Panel of Experts under Chapter 10 (Trade and Sustainable Development) of the Free Trade Agreement shall not be invoked until four years after the date of entry into force of the Free Trade Agreement for all signatories.

I have the further honour to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply shall constitute an agreement between our Governments, which shall enter into force on the date on which the Free Trade Agreement enters into force for both Viet Nam and Norway.

Yours sincerely,

Dr. Lê Mạnh Hùng
Minister of Industry and Trade
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

Ha Noi, 18 October 2026

H.E. Dr. Lê Mạnh Hùng
Minister of Industry and Trade
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam
HA NOI

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 18 October 2026, which reads as follows:

“In connection with the signing of the Free Trade Agreement between the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and the EFTA States (the Free Trade Agreement) on this date, I have the honour to confirm that the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (Viet Nam) and the Government of the Kingdom of Norway (Norway) have agreed as follows:

Article 10.16 on the Panel of Experts under Chapter 10 (Trade and Sustainable Development) of the Free Trade Agreement shall not be invoked until four years after the date of entry into force of the Free Trade Agreement for all signatories.

I have the further honour to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply shall constitute an agreement between our Governments, which shall enter into force on the date on which the Free Trade Agreement enters into force for both Viet Nam and Norway.”

I have the honour to confirm that the above reflects the agreement reached between our Governments. Accordingly, your letter and this letter in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date on which the Free Trade Agreement enters into force for both Norway and Viet Nam.

Yours sincerely,

Astrid Bergmål
State Secretary
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