

Trademarks

Letter from His Excellency Tran Tuan Anh

8 March 2018

The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne
Minister of International Trade
Canada

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 by the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (“Viet Nam”) and the Government of Canada:

1. The Government of Canada intends to facilitate educational and training activities that can assist producers in Viet Nam seeking trademark, including certification mark, protection in Canada for products that are recognised as geographical indications or protected as certification marks in Viet Nam, such as Buon Ma Thuot (or Buôn Ma Thuột) coffee, and Phu Quoc (or Phú-Quốc) fish sauce (or nước mắm).
2. The Government of Canada and the Government of Viet Nam shall consult to determine the appropriate activities under paragraph 1.

I have the honour to propose that this letter and your letter in reply, equally valid in English and French, confirming that your Government shares this understanding, will constitute an understanding between our two Governments, which will enter into effect on the date of entry into force of the Agreement as between Viet Nam and Canada.

Sincerely,

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

Response from the Honourable François-Philippe Champagne

8 March 2018

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

Excellency,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of this date, which reads as follows:

“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 by the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (“Viet Nam”) and the Government of Canada:

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I have the honour to propose that this letter and your letter in reply, equally valid in English and French, confirming that your Government shares this understanding, will constitute an understanding between our two Governments, which will enter into effect on the date of entry into force of the Agreement as between Viet Nam and Canada.”

I have the further honour to confirm that my Government shares this understanding, and that your letter and this letter of confirmation in reply, equally valid in English and French, will constitute an understanding between our Governments, which will enter into effect on the date of entry into force of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership as between Canada and the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam.

Sincerely,

The Honourable François-Philippe Champagne
Minister of International Trade