



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

In connection with the signing on this date of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (the “Agreement”), and in the context of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement signed in Auckland on 4 February 2016 (“TPP”), I have the honour to confirm the following understanding reached between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (“Viet Nam”) during the course of the negotiations on the Agreement:

Australia and Viet Nam confirm their intention to maintain the following understandings, and the commitments made therein, signed in connection with the signature of the TPP, which will come into effect on the date on which the Agreement enters into force for both Australia and Viet Nam:

1. *Memorandum of Understanding Related to Australia – Viet Nam: Online Education (Letters between H.E. Dr. Vu Huy Hoang and the Hon Andrew Robb MP dated 4 February 2016);*
2. *Memorandum of Understanding Related to Australia – Viet Nam: Enhancing the Work and Holiday Arrangement and streamlining Viet Nam’s work permit regime (Letters between H.E. Dr. Vu Huy Hoang and the Hon Andrew Robb MP dated 4 February 2016).*

I have the honour to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply will constitute a Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of Australia and the Government of Viet Nam regarding their commitments under the above-mentioned Letters, which will come into effect on the date on which the Agreement enters into force for both Australia and Viet Nam.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steven Ciobo', written over a white background.

Steven Ciobo

8 March 2018

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

Dear Minister,

I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 8 March 2018, which reads as follows:

“In connection with the signing on this date of the Comprehensive and Progressive Agreement for Trans-Pacific Partnership (the “Agreement”), and in the context of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement signed in Auckland on 4 February 2016 (“TPP”), I have the honour to confirm the following understanding reached between the Government of Australia and the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (“Viet Nam”) during the course of the negotiations on the Agreement:

Australia and Viet Nam confirm their intention to maintain the following understandings, and the commitments made therein, signed in connection with the signature of the TPP, which will come into effect on the date on which the Agreement enters into force for both Australia and Viet Nam:

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I have the further honour to confirm that the above reflects the mutual understanding reached between the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam ("Viet Nam") and the Government of Australia 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 Viet Nam and the Government of Australia.

Yours sincerely,



Tran Tuan Anh

Minister of Industry and Trade

Socialist Republic of Viet Nam