

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT
THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20508

February 4, 2016

The Honorable Andrew Robb
Minister for Trade and Investment
Parliament House
Canberra, Australia

Dear Minister Robb:

In connection with the signing on February 4, 2016 of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP Agreement), I have the honor to confirm the following agreement reached between representatives of the Government of the United States of America (United States) and the Government of Australia (Australia):

For the purposes of Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) of United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement (AUSFTA), as between the United States and Australia the only applicable thresholds relevant to the definition of "covered procurement" shall be those specified in the respective Schedules of the United States and Australia to Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) of the TPP Agreement, as adjusted from time to time in accordance with those schedules.

I have the honor to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply shall constitute an agreement between the United States and Australia which shall enter into force on the date of entry into force of the TPP Agreement as between the United States and Australia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Froman". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ambassador Michael B. G. Froman



THE HON ANDREW ROBB AO MP

MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INVESTMENT

4 February 2016

The Honourable Michael Froman
United States Trade Representative
600 17th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20508
United States of America

Dear Ambassador Froman

I have the honour to acknowledge your letter of 4 February 2016, which reads as follows:

“In connection with the signing on February 4, 2016 of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP Agreement), I have the honor to confirm the following agreement reached between representatives of the Government of the United States of America (United States) and the Government of Australia (Australia):

For the purposes of Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) of United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement (AUSFTA), as between the United States and Australia the only applicable thresholds relevant to the definition of “covered procurement” shall be those specified in the respective Schedules of the United States and Australia to Chapter 15 (Government Procurement) of the TPP Agreement, as adjusted from time to time in accordance with those schedules.

I have the honor to propose that this letter and your letter of confirmation in reply shall constitute an agreement between the United States and Australia which shall enter into force on the date of entry into force of the TPP Agreement as between the United States and Australia.”

I have the honour to confirm that my Government shares this understanding, and that your letter and this letter in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on the date of entry into force of the TPP Agreement as between Australia and the United States.

Yours sincerely


Andrew Robb