

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:

I have the honor to confirm the following understanding reached between representatives of the Government of Australia (Australia) and the Government of the United States of America (United States) (individually a "Party" and collectively the "Parties") during the negotiation of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP Agreement):

Upon the request of either Party after the ninth year after entry into force of the TPP Agreement as between the United States and Australia, the Parties shall consult on global supply and demand conditions for sugar to consider the possibility of modifying market access commitments for sugar listed in the Schedule of the United States to Annex 2-D (Tariff Commitments) of the TPP Agreement.

I have the honor to propose that this letter and your letter in reply confirming that your Government shares this understanding 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 the United States and Australia.

Sincerely,



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 am pleased to acknowledge your letter of 4 February 2016, which reads as follows:

“I have the honor to confirm the following understanding reached between representatives of the Government of Australia (Australia) and the Government of the United States of America (United States) (individually a “Party” and collectively the “Parties”) during the negotiation of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP Agreement):

Upon the request of either Party after the ninth year after entry into force of the TPP Agreement as between the United States and Australia, the Parties shall consult on global supply and demand conditions for sugar to consider the possibility of modifying market access commitments for sugar listed in the Schedule of the United States to Annex 2-D (Tariff Commitments) of the TPP Agreement.

I have the honor to propose that this letter and your letter in reply confirming that your Government shares this understanding 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 the United States and Australia.”

I have the honour to confirm that my Government shares this understanding, and that your letter and this 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

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Robb', with a long vertical flourish extending downwards.

Andrew Robb