

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

February 4, 2016

The Honorable Pehin Dato Lim Jock Seng
Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and
Second Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade
Bandar Seri Begawan
Brunei Darussalam

Dear Minister Pehin Dato Lim Jock Seng,

I have the honor to confirm that the United States of America and Brunei Darussalam have reached agreement with respect to "Textile and Apparel Industry Information," a bilateral instrument in accordance with Article 4.5 (Monitoring) of Chapter 4 (Textile and Apparel Goods) of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP Agreement) attached to this letter.

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. This agreement shall be subject to dispute settlement under Chapter 28 (Dispute Settlement) of the TPP Agreement, and shall enter into force on the date of entry into force of the TPP Agreement between our two Governments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael Froman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" and the last name "Froman" clearly distinguishable.

Ambassador Michael B. G. Froman

Textile and Apparel Industry Information

1. Brunei Darussalam shall designate a government authority to collect and provide information regarding its trade and production in the textiles and apparel sector in accordance with this agreement.
2. No later than 180 days after entry into force of this agreement, Brunei Darussalam shall provide to the United States a report describing textile and apparel production in Brunei Darussalam. The report shall identify any enterprises that produce textile or apparel goods, including the name, address, owners and managers; describe the goods the enterprises produce; and provide information on where the enterprise sources materials, to the extent available. Where Brunei Darussalam designates information in the report as confidential, the United States shall keep that information confidential and protect it from public disclosure. Upon request of the United States, Brunei Darussalam shall provide the United States an opportunity to consult on the report.
3. Not less than once per year thereafter, unless otherwise decided by the United States and Brunei Darussalam, Brunei Darussalam shall provide an update or new report, as appropriate, with information on changes in the information provided to the United States regarding its textiles and apparel production or other information on the sector that the United States and Brunei Darussalam may decide.
4. No later than 180 days after entry into force of this agreement and annually thereafter, unless otherwise decided, Brunei Darussalam shall provide to the United States data on its imports and exports of textile and apparel goods, including: the tariff classification; value; volume; and country of import or export.
5. Brunei Darussalam and the United States may amend this agreement by mutual decision.

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BRUNEI DARUSSALAM

Your Reference :

Our Reference :

4 February 2016

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

Dear Ambassador Froman,

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

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I have the honour to confirm that the understanding referred to in your letter is shared by my Government, and that your letter and this letter in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments.

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