



REPUBLICA DE CHILE
Ministerio De Relaciones Exteriores

4 February 2016

Ms. Barbara Weisel
Assistant United States Trade Representative
for Southeast Asia and the Pacific
Office of the U.S. Trade Representative
Washington, D.C. 20508
United States of America

Dear Ms. Weisel:

I have the honour to refer to the following understanding reached between representatives of the Government of the Republic of Chile (Chile) and the Government of the United States of America (United States) during the negotiations with regard to Section E (Geographical Indications) of Chapter 18 (Intellectual Property) of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP Agreement):

The Chief Negotiators of both Governments confirm their understanding that from the date of confirmation of the Agreed Minute by the TPP Chief Negotiators until the date of entry into force of the TPP Agreement for each Party, Chile and the United States will act in good faith and in a manner not contrary to the object and purpose of Article 18.36 (International Agreements), which relates to the protection or recognition of geographical indications under international agreements.

I have the further 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 your letter in reply.

Sincerely,



FELIPE LOPEANDIA

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

February 4, 2016

Mr. Felipe Lopeandía
General Directorate of International Economic Relations
Santiago, Chile

Dear Mr. Lopeandía:

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

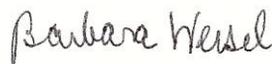
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I have the honor to confirm that my Government shares this understanding, and that your letter and this letter in reply shall constitute an agreement between our two Governments, which shall enter into force on this date.

Sincerely,



Barbara Weisel