

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

February 4, 2016

The Honorable Ildefonso Guajardo
Secretary of Economy
México, D.F., México

Dear Secretary Guajardo:

I have the honor to confirm the following understanding regarding Tequila and Mezcal reached between representatives of the Government of the United Mexican States (Mexico) and the Government of the United States of America (United States) during negotiations of Chapter 18 (Intellectual Property) of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP Agreement):

In accordance with its domestic legislation and administrative procedures, the United States acknowledges that it will provide updates, respond to questions and provide general information regarding the legal proceedings currently before the United States Patent and Trademark Office regarding the certification marks for TEQUILA and MEZCAL for spirits. The United States takes due note of its obligations with regard to the recognition of TEQUILA and MEZCAL as distinctive products of Mexico.

I have the honor to propose that this letter, and your letter of confirmation in reply, both equally authentic in the English and the Spanish languages, shall constitute an understanding between our Governments.

Sincerely,



Ambassador Michael B.G. Froman

4 February 2016

**The Honorable Michael B.G. Froman
United States Trade Representative
Washington, D.C., United States of America**

Dear Ambassador Froman,

I have the honor to acknowledge receipt of your letter of this date, which reads as follows:

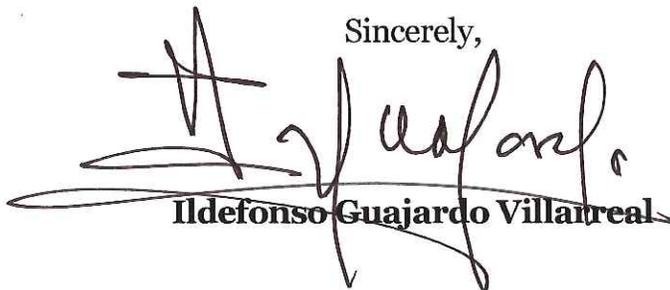
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I have the further honor to confirm that my government shares this understanding, and that your letter and this reply shall constitute an understanding between the United States and Mexico.

Sincerely,



Idefonso Guajardo Villareal