

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

February 4, 2016

The Honorable Lim Hng Kiang  
Minister for Trade and Industry (Trade)  
Republic of Singapore

Dear Minister Lim:

I have the honor to refer to the discussions between representatives of the Government of the United States of America (United States) and the Government of Singapore (Singapore) during the negotiation of Chapter 4 (Textile and Apparel Goods) of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP Agreement), regarding certain provisions of the United States – Singapore Free Trade Agreement (USSFTA), which entered into force on January 1, 2004.

I have the further honor to confirm, based on those discussions, the agreement between the United States and Singapore that materials on the Short Supply List, at Appendix 1 (Short Supply List of Products) to Annex 4-A (Textiles and Apparel Product-Specific Rules of Origin) of Chapter 4 of the TPP Agreement shall be deemed to be originating under the USSFTA for purposes of determining whether a good is considered an originating good of Singapore under Chapter 3 (Rules of Origin) of the USSFTA.

On behalf of the United States, I have the honor to propose that this letter and your letter in reply confirming your Government's agreement with the above 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 Singapore.

Sincerely,



Ambassador Michael B. G. Froman



MINISTER FOR TRADE AND INDUSTRY  
(TRADE)  
SINGAPORE

4 February 2016

The Honourable Michael Froman  
United States Trade Representative  
United States of America

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, which shall enter into force on the date of entry into force of the TPP Agreement as between Singapore and the United States.

Yours sincerely,

  
LIM HNG KIANG