

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

February 4, 2016

The Honorable Vu Huy Hoang
Minister of Industry and Trade
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam

Dear Minister Hoang:

I have the honor to confirm the following understanding reached between representatives of the Government of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam (Viet Nam) and the Government of the United States of America (United States) during the negotiations of Chapter 2 (National Treatment and Market Access for Goods) of the Trans-Pacific Partnership Agreement (TPP Agreement):

1. The United States intends to facilitate educational and training activities that can assist producers in Viet Nam seeking trademark, collective mark or certification mark protection in United States for products that are recognized as geographical indications or protected as certification marks in Viet Nam, such as Buon Ma Thuot (or Buôn Ma Thuột) coffee and Phu Quoc (or Phú Quốc) fish sauce (or nước mắm).
2. The United States and Viet Nam shall consult to determine the appropriate activities under paragraph 1.

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 Agreement as between the United States and Viet Nam.

Sincerely,



Ambassador Michael B. G. Froman



MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY AND TRADE
THE SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM

February 4, 2016

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

Dear Ambassador Froman,

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 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 the United States and Viet Nam.

Sincerely,

Vu Huy Hoang
Minister of Industry and Trade
Socialist Republic of Viet Nam